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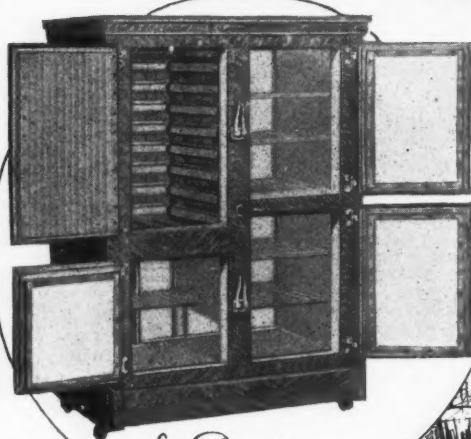
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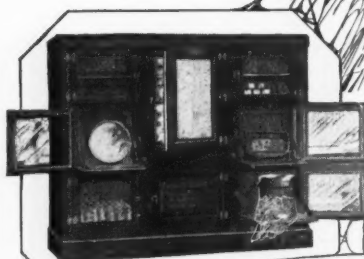
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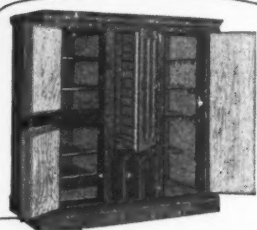
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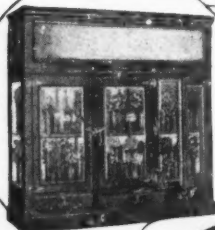
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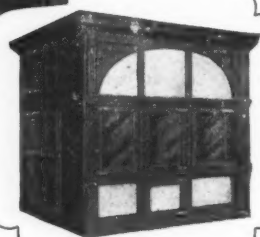
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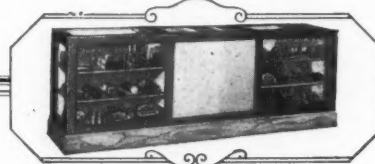
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Beautiful Art Insert in this Number

"Home, the spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest."

STARTING in this number of the AMERICAN BUILDER is the first of a remarkable series of Art Inserts in colors, depicting a Street of Beautiful Homes. Each number will contain a picture in colors of some popular type of dwelling with a complete exposition as to how it should be planned, built and finished. Each of these Art Inserts illustrates in colors a home on the "Street of Beautiful Homes." They will be continued until the street is completed. Mr. Radford has been granted a United States patent on this unique panorama idea.

At tremendous expense the AMERICAN BUILDER has had these pictures prepared for the service of its readers. It is another notable achievement added to a long list, and emphasizes our desire to give our readers the most complete, most attractive, and most practical building sales helps that can be obtained. Watch for this wonderful Art Insert each month and use it to interest your home-building prospects in starting work NOW.



Plenty of Workshops, Too Few Homes

AMERICAN cities are being built out of balance. This is the interesting conclusion discovered in a survey of housing recently conducted by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States under the direction of John Ihlder.

In twenty-three cities in which M. R. Ihlder conducted this survey there was a combined population of 7,921,690, each city containing 100,000 or more. In these cities the total number of dwelling permits reached the peak of 31,333 in 1916. Then construction fell rapidly to 10,788 permits in 1918, due to war restriction, rose to 26,041 in 1919 and fell again to 14,291 in 1920.

An interesting feature was the stability of small houses as compared with multi-family dwellings; apartment and tenement houses. While the small houses in 1919 numbered 25,029, within a thousand

of the number in 1914 and less than 4,000 below the peak in 1916, multi-family dwellings dropped from 2,040 in 1916 to 2,000 in 1914 to 483 in 1918 and rose again only to 1,012 in 1919. In 1920 of the total number of dwelling permits 13,847 were for small houses and only 444 for multi-family dwellings, indicating that small houses seem to offer a more secure investment.

But what of industrial buildings during that period? There was a decided steadiness in this class of construction. Permits for business and industrial buildings increased from 1,882 in 1914 to 2,206 in 1916, suffered only a comparatively slight check in 1917 and 1918 and the latter year reaching the bottom at 1,306, then quickly rebounding in 1919 to 2,286 higher than 1916 record and in 1920, in striking contrast to the slump in residential building, actually setting a new record of 2,414.

In short, workshops are being provided in plenty, but no houses for workers to live in. "Such a program," says Mr. Ihlder, "cannot be long continued without the workshops themselves feeling the ill effects."

Without homes the country cannot remain healthy and we only enjoy prosperity when business conditions are healthy. To keep business healthy it is vital that the tissues and blood of these great systems, the workers, should be suitably housed. A comfortable home is one of the most effective incentives to efficient workmanship that can be found. With an abundance of workshops available, it would be wise to strike a balance by building more homes.



The Success Family

THE father of Success is Work. The mother of Success is Ambition. The oldest son is Common Sense. Some of the other boys are: Perseverance, Honesty, Thoroughness, Foresight, Enthusiasm, Cooperation.

The oldest daughter is Character.

Some of the sisters are: Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Courtesy, Care, Economy, Sincerity, Harmony.

The baby is Opportunity.

Get acquainted with the "old man" and you will be able to get along pretty well with all the rest of the family.—London Opinion.

NO VACANT LOTS IN THE "STREET OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES"

Do Not Miss One of the American Builder Art Insert Homes

**Tell Your Friends of the Building Industry
About this Feature, Show Them the
"Street of Beautiful Homes".
A Few Additional Orders Can
be Filled for Those
who Act Promptly**

What do you think of the Art Insert?

Wouldn't you love to have such a house yourself?

Wouldn't some one of your best prospects this spring admire this design?

This month it is a beautiful Colonial dwelling, two stories, gable roof. Next month the Art Insert is a beautiful western bungalow of five rooms—a perfect gem. The Art Insert for May is a stucco residence of modern design.

Each month will bring its Art Insert home in colors, each one different—each one appealing to a different taste—a style, a size, a cost to suit every home building prospect.

Preserve these designs carefully; use them aggressively [to] help you in your biggest task—the selling of homes and the home building idea to the good folks of your community.

These Art Insert homes are prepared with great skill in both the art work and the reproduction so that when laid side by side they couple up to make a Street of Beautiful Homes.

You want YOUR street to be complete—no vacant lots anywhere. Do not miss a single one of these Art Inserts. Your subscription may be running out this month—Do not take a chance, but *renew* now.

Perhaps you know a few other good builders who are not taking the American Builder regularly who you know would like this Street of Beautiful Homes. If their subscriptions can come in promptly, we can start them off with Home Number One.

William A. Radford, President
AMERICAN BUILDER
1827 Prairie Ave., Chicago



Concerted Action on the Part of the "Big Three" in the Building Industry Will Cause High Rents to Take an Awful Drop.



Home Number One Street of Beautiful Homes

**ART INSERT IN COLORS
OFFERS TIMELY HELP**

CLOSE to the heart of every man, woman and child is Home. Even the lowly forms of animals, birds and insects build a shelter, the bird builds the nest, the tiny ant builds the hill, the squirrel has his cache. It is one of the most universal instincts of all living things. And is fundamental to the success and continuance of civilization.

Today this bulwark is actually threatened—because of a cessation in buildings the shortage in houses has become so acute as to affect thousands of families. To them the idea is appalling and they are groping about like blind looking for some ray of hope, some inspiration, that will point the way to light and security. The AMERICAN BUILDER has consistently advocated that people should own homes of their own; for years it has presented attractive designs and plans of beautiful homes and has explained the best, most efficient methods of construction. It has been a guiding spirit in home-building. Now that the crisis is at the door, will it fail? Not for a minute!

In fact, that is excellent reason why it should put forth greater efforts than ever before. And the great work starts with this issue. Starting this month the AMERICAN BUILDER offers in each issue a special Art Insert showing a beautiful home with full directions how to plan, build, equip and furnish it. Each month from now on this Art Insert will be the feature, each month a new house will be shown, the houses of the latest and most charming designs constructed in the most practical fashion. They should prove to be beacon lights of inspiration to our readers who are seeking new ideas in home-building. The services of experts have been

used to prepare their inserts and details. The information is as complete as is possible and every phase and detail of the home shown is covered.

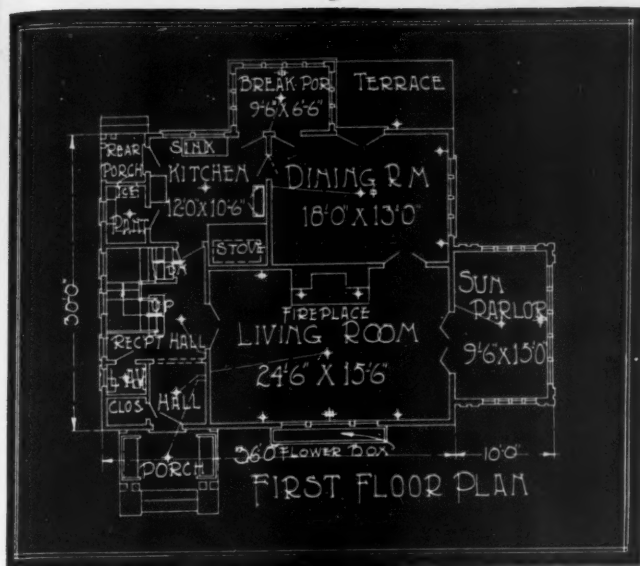
Today the all-absorbing topic of conversation is rents. Tenants are in a quandary, they do not know where they will live or how they can live. Inevitably the trend of thought turns to homes, buildings. What can I build—how, where, when? They are in need of professional advice that you can give. They are in need of inspiration, encouragement—what they need is the push that carries them over the goal-line to determination. With this Art Insert on your desk you have the something upon which they can focus their imagination. The housewife, the children, the husband—watch their eyes flash with joy and happiness when they see the home that they have always longed for. Heretofore it has been a mind picture. The AMERICAN BUILDER has transformed it into a real tangible picture. It has brought the dream from the realm of the fairies to the everyday world of facts and action.

Your banker will be interested in this beautiful insert, because he is interested in stimulating the saving idea. The more saving, the more stable the community, the greater the prosperity. He is interested in homes because he knows owners of homes are responsible citizens, reliable people. The lumber dealer, the hardware and furniture merchants, the grocer, the butcher boy, the janitor, even the homeless panhandler who defies death as he seeks a night's lodging in a freight car, will all echo the same sentiment, feel the same uncontrollable appeal of "a home like that."

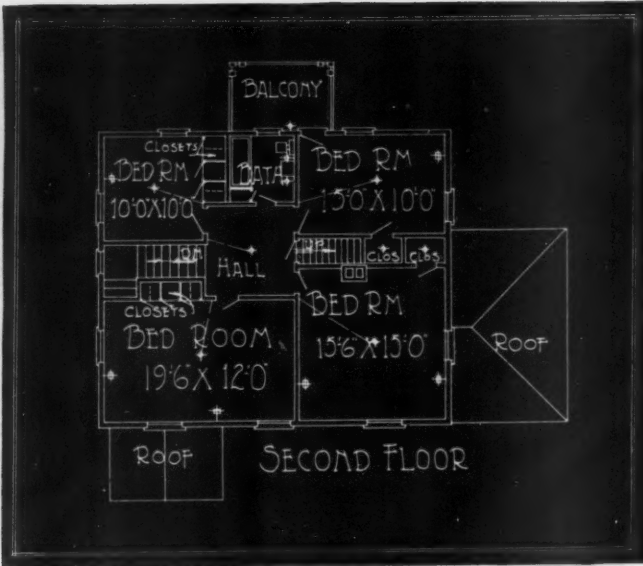
The desire for a home is alive in every human heart. What is often needed and



Showing Her Friends Her New Home. One of the Most Joyful Moments in a Housewife's Existence. The Beautiful Colonial Home in the Special Art Insert Will Prove an Inspiration to Many Families Who Are Now Paying Rent.



First Floor Arrangement of Home No. 1 on Street of Beautiful Homes. Note the Placing of Electrical Fixtures.



Second Floor Plan, Showing Sleeping Rooms and Bath. There Are Seven Rooms in This Attractive Home.

especially in these times, is the force to make this desire so urgent as to demand satisfaction.

This is the First Home on a Street of Beautiful Homes. Preserve this Insert; do not destroy it. Next month comes the second and then the third; keep them all and after the series is finished, you can lay them out and have a wonderfully interesting panorama. These Art Insert homes will be unfolded before your eyes like a great panorama of wonders, each one different, each one containing new ideas in home-building, designed for every need, every condition and every place.

You know the more we write about this beautiful series of home pictures the more enthusiastic we get because we have seen them. And as they are unfolded to your view the reaction will be just as enthusiastic for you could not be human and resist the strongest appeal of all the world. When you see these beautiful designs, won't you write us what you think about this plan? Let us know how it has reacted upon you, your family, your clients, the business men in your locality. We want to know if you feel the same way as we did when we first saw the pictures.

Mere words are superfluous in describing the picture which is wonderfully portrayed in the Art Insert in this number of the AMERICAN BUILDER. Nevertheless, there are some important features which will bear special emphasis, and certain architectural details which should be explained in detail.

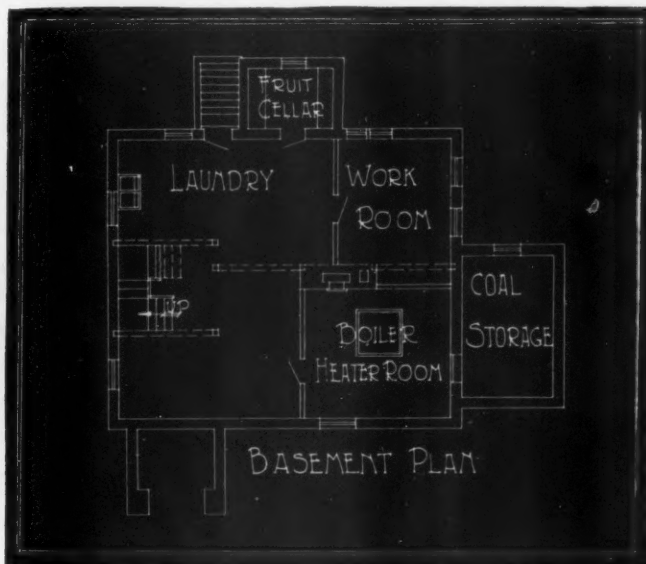
Number 1 on this street of home fairyland is a delightful seven-room, frame, Colonial house, the historic design being very effectively improved by the addition of the modern sun parlor at one end. There is the customary hospitable front entrance, in this case covered by a substantial little roof, and fitted with inviting benches of wood. The green shutters and Colonial windows are there as is the lattice work with its climbing vines and window flower boxes adding to the picturesqueness of the scene.

The front door opens into a hall with convenient clothes closet. This hall leads into a reception and stair hall which gives access to the living room on one side, hall lavatory, and the kitchen at farther end. The living room is the delight of the house, a great roomy space with open fireplace and electric light fixtures placed about at advantageous intervals. The kitchen is modern in every respect and contains complete equipment. The dining room and breakfast nook complete the lower floor plan.

On the second floor are the bedrooms and bathroom grouped about a central hall. In the floor plans shown here the placing of electric fixtures, receptacles and outlets are shown.

In the basement provision has been made for a modern laundry, fruit cellar, work room, heater room and cold storage room.

The number and arrangement of electric lighting fixtures, outlet and receptacles for various electrical appliances is also excellently shown



Efficient Basement Plan, One That Should Prove a Winner with all Clients. The Foundation is Concrete. Size of House, 36 by 30 feet.

in the floor plans of this home. In the sun parlor there is a light located in the central part of the ceiling and a receptacle on the outer wall for table lamps, fan or vacuum sweeper. In the living room, in which lighting determines to a great extent the restfulness and charm of the room, the electrical equipment is very complete. The large central fixture is supplemented by small fireplace lights and outer wall lights, and wall outlets for various appliances. The other rooms are provided for in similar manner. In the laundry several outlets should be installed for the electric washing machine and iron.



Lighting Facilities in a Home Are Very Important. They Make the Rooms Restful, Attractive, and Cheerful. Study the Floor Plans and the Preceding Page for Electrical Equipment.

With the actual construction work done, the home is by no means completed. Now comes the arrangement and furnishing of the rooms, the selection of colors of paints, wall paper, draperies, etc. As in the case of music, discords must be avoided. Well-blended harmonious colors have a soothing and restful effect upon occupants and visitors.

One of the important factors in interior arrangement is furniture. Each room must be considered for its peculiar needs. Starting with the sun parlor; for this location it has become generally accepted that woven furniture is the most suitable. The principal effect desired in a sun parlor is cheerfulness and lightness. For this reason designs are of a less massive construction and the finishes of gay and cheerful colors such as white, old ivory, midnight blue, and gray. All of these lighten up and brighten up the room which, as its name signifies, should be a sunshine parlor. The family should feel the worries and



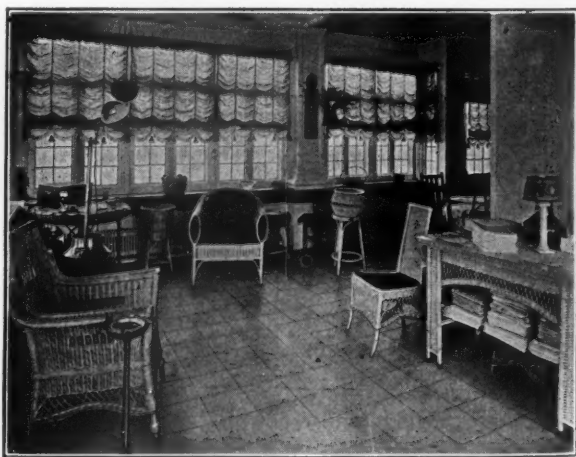
Cozy Breakfast Room Group of Wicker Furniture Used in Place of Permanent Fixtures.

burdens of the working day lifted from their shoulders as soon as they enter this delightful retreat.

Coming along with the sun parlor in the designing of the modern home is the breakfast room, a cozy, intimate little nook near the kitchen where the family can eat the lighter meals in unconventional and comfortable fashion, so that the housewife will not be put to the extra work of serving an elaborate meal in the dining room. This room should be cheerful and cozy and inspirational. Here the business man takes a hasty breakfast bite before rushing off to the grind of the day.

In the selection of furniture for the living room, the owner's individual tastes are generally the determining factor. Most popular today in homes are a few pieces of extremely comfortable tapestry or velour, the latter made up in many colors. In many homes, woven furniture is used in this room, that is, the frames are of this material with tapestry and velours for the upholstery. Of the colors which are very attractive and restful, frosted brown and fumed and American walnut are largely used. This furniture is obtainable at very reasonable prices.

Regardless, however, of the kind or type of furniture used, the important thing to keep in mind is the harmony of the whole scheme. In the painting and interior decorating (as fully and very clearly explained in an article elsewhere in this number) wide variety is available.



Furnishing the Sun Parlor Is a Task of Skill. Some Important Points on Interior Furnishing Are Explained in This Article. Light Weight Woven Furniture Adds to the Cheerfulness and Brightness of the Room.

Newly Awakened Interest in Community Building

SEVERAL IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS FOR WIDE-AWAKE BUILDERS—HOW TO GET BUSINESS

By Lester G. Herbert

WIDE-AWAKE builders and contractors, like other business men, must always be on the alert to discover new trends of business, and to adapt their own methods and campaign plans to suit the times.

The war brought groups of people together who previously had been totally unacquainted. Those who went overseas were closely associated regardless of social or financial standing, and those who remained behind were organized into Home Defense Committees, Red Cross Units, Patriotic Clubs, etc.

When the war was over, the same co-operative spirit was shown in organizations for raising funds for soldiers' monuments, memorial park associations, memorial bridges and arches, and driveways, memorial libraries, and all that sort of thing.

This same spirit of working together shoulder to shoulder has manifested itself in many reorganized chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, citizens' leagues, and big club movements.

The other evening the writer attended a forum conference of a chamber of commerce in a city with a population of 35,000. This chamber of commerce has a membership of between twelve and fourteen hundred members with an annual dues of \$25.00 per member.

It was extremely interesting to note that at least 10 per cent of the suggestions had to do with *community building*, and it was then for the first time borne in upon the writer, the pride and the civic interest being taken at the present time in municipal, educational, and industrial buildings. These, and good roads, paved streets, and adequate lighting seemed to lead.

This is a straw in the wind which should not be overlooked by building interests, for there is a great deal to be considered both in the present and the future. At the meeting mentioned, the great need of the new city administration building was expressed, and the old city hall which had long done duty was brought under fire. It was then pointed out by a prominent, practical contractor who was present that the present city hall was off on one side, and that the modern idea of city building called for the arrangement of public properties on an avenue, a square, or in a symmetrically arranged group.

Already in this town public library, postoffice, and court house were suitably placed, and it seemed advisable to consider a more fitting location for a new city hall than the old one.

In less time than it takes to tell it, there was awak-

ened a keen and intelligent interest in a large, modern, and adequate building placed in a suitable location which should serve the present and the future of this city for generations to come.

The next subject proposed was an industrial building. It was pointed out that this city was becoming a favored one for convention gatherings. And that most desirable publicity could be gained, and more industries attracted by a worthy industrial building where the one hundred or more manufacturing enterprises of the city could maintain permanent exhibits under co-operative management, and at a minimum of expense.

The next topic was the outcome of the last, and had to do with the great need of better hotel facilities. It was pointed out that several large gatherings had been lost because the delegates could not be taken care of in a proper manner, and it was also noted that automobilists and traveling men were passing thru because of poor housing conditions. Several plans were proposed for establishing a

corporation of city business men to put up a large hotel worthy in every way.

The very next subject introduced had to do with the building of comfort stations thruout the city.

This particular commu-

nity is noted for its beauty, and the fine condition of homes and streets; but when it was laid out years ago, the need of comfort stations was not recognized, and with the growth of the city these have become imperative.

Here again the contractor was asked several questions as to the probable expense, and the number which should be provided in proportion to the population. Also the most approved type of such stations.

When you stop to think that these were only the suggestions of a small fraction of the membership committee of this entire chamber of commerce, it is singularly illuminating, and points how much actual *community building* might be done in the average town or city—and done to good purpose if only someone would set the ball rolling.

What is everyone's business is apt to be no one's business, and so the organization of a live civic body, and the appointment of a building committee are steps in the right direction. If the right personnel is named on the building committee and the newspapers are lined up, it is relatively easy to create public sentiment in relation to these matters, and in a short time building enterprises can be on the way which will be a benefit to everyone concerned.

"WHERE is the man whose soul is so dead" that he cannot appreciate the beauties and comforts of a real home? Let him look at the art insert in this month's American Builder! He'll want to buy that home at once and so will a whole lot of other people. In time of war we fight for the homes we build in time of peace. The war is over—so let's build.



Our Front Cover HOME DESIGN

Charming Seven-Room Family Home

IDEAL DWELLING OF HOLLOW TILE WITH BRICK VENEER AND
HALF TIMBER—POPULAR DESIGN FOR SMALL FAMILY

WHEN Noah built the ark he had a real housing problem on his hands. There were all sorts of animals, fowls, insects, etc., each with different instincts and customs of life to be taken care of and satisfied. And yet he managed to make it comfortable for all. Which all is an eloquent testimonial to Noah's ability as a builder.

Yet, today when we are confronted with a housing problem, far from being so complex, for there are only human beings to be housed, many contractors and builders are prone to throw up the sponge. The difference between them and Noah is that Noah studied his proposition—they have still to learn. Building today is the result of a careful study of the wants of people. Most people want a home of their own and they want certain things in them after they are built. That is where the builder takes an important part.

There is the man with small family, the man with a large family, the man with no family at all—each has different ideas on what a home should be, how it should look and be arranged. There is the home woman whose interests are wrapped up in her children, the club woman who has many outside activities; both of these have very definite ideas. But they all agree on one thing—that their home shall be as comfortable and as convenient as possible because of the amount of work depending on it.

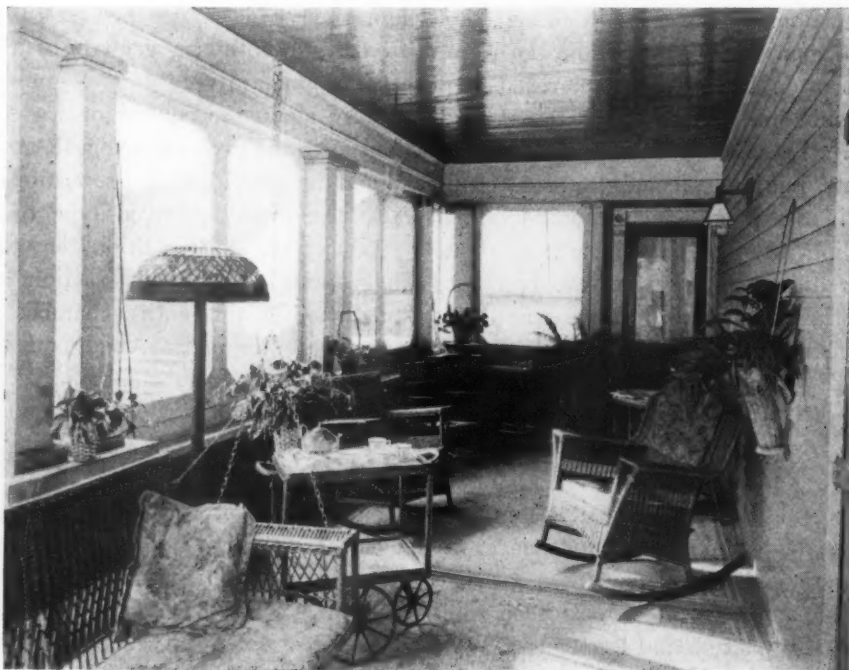
That is one

reason, and a very big reason, why the modern builder has to be a student of psychology as well as a builder of houses. He must be able to mold his plans according to the desires of his clients regardless of their inclinations. To help him out in this problem the AMERICAN BUILDER presents a variety of designs and house plans each month. Noah had no such service when he built the ark, yet he succeeded in making a good job. Surely the builder of today cannot offer any excuses to his client.

Exterior charm and interior comfort—these two qualities may well be considered the crux of the home-building problem. And in the front cover home of this number the architect has incorporated both ideas with very attractive and pleasing results.

The home shown on the front cover of this number is a charming story-and-half structure of modified English lines, very substantially built and efficiently arranged. The walls are hollow tile, finished on the lower floor with a brick veneer and above the eaves line

with a charming stucco, arranged in half timber effect. This type of construction insures an even temperature in winter and summer, as the tile provides an insulating barrier thru its air spaces against extremes of heat or cold. The brick veneer adds an elegant and permanent exterior. The variations in roof elevation break up the monotony that is so often found



What Is Home Without a Sun Parlor? That Is What Most People Believe Today and the Builder Will Strike a Responsive Chord in the Heart of His Prospect If He Emphasizes This Feature in the New Home.

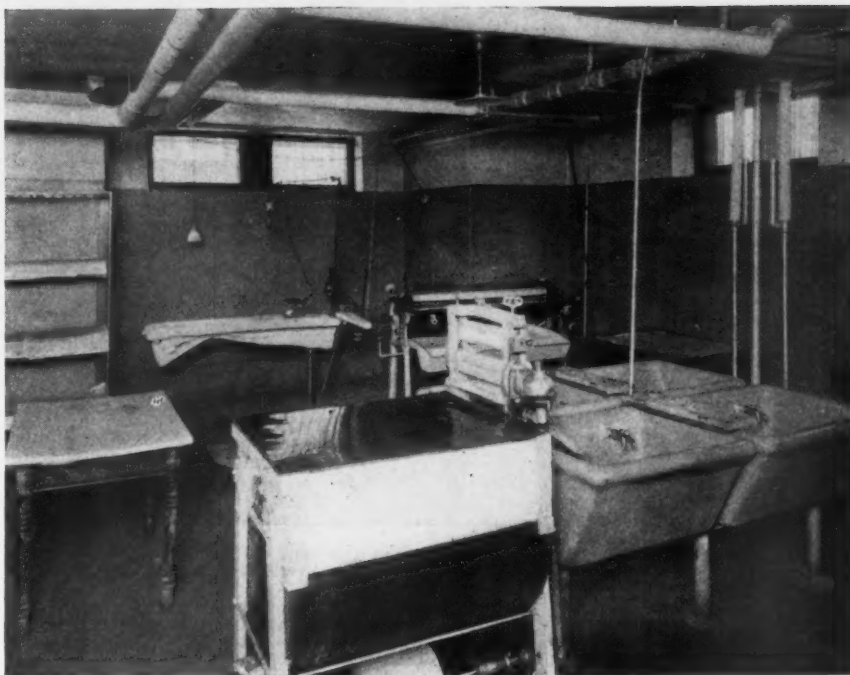
in home designs and lends a distinctive flavor to the appearance of the design.

Considerable skill has been exercised in the arrangement and design of the front entrance which takes the form of a projection with gable roof. An artistic stone arch above the door greatly enhances the detail of the entrance. This opens into a small reception hall which leads to the stairway to the upper story and also to the dining room on the left immediately in back of the sun parlor. This sun parlor is a very attractive feature with its tall French doors on two sides. To the right of the reception hall is the living room, 13 feet 6 inches by 16 feet 6 inches, lighted by a triple casement window in front and two smaller windows on the side flanking the open fireplace. From the living room is a door opening into a small hall which leads to the bedroom on the right, a small lavatory, and the kitchen on the left.

The latter room is 9 by 12 feet 6 inches. Entrance to the dining room from the kitchen is gained by a passage way thru the adjacent breakfast room equipped with permanent furniture. A small pantry is also located next to the kitchen. On the sun parlor side the house is 32 feet long, on the other side 28 feet. It has 39 feet frontage.

The upper floor arrangement is very cozy, containing three bedrooms, two being 11 feet 6 inches by 15 feet and 14 by 15 feet, while the third is smaller, 9 feet 6 inches by 11 feet, very suitable for a child's room. All three bedrooms have exceptionally large closets for clothing.

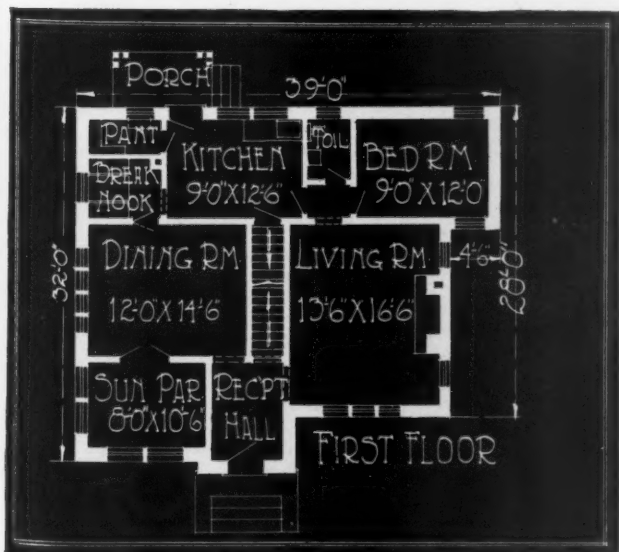
Important to all housewives is the mechanical labor-



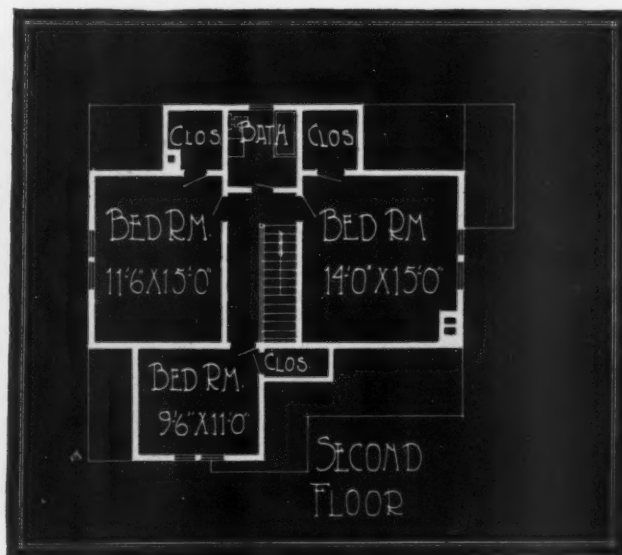
"Way Back When" They Used to Sew Themselves in a Sack There Were No Such Things as Laundries, But Science Has Disproved the Old Theory That Cleanliness Is a Vice. That Is Why Housewives Are in Favor of Labor-Saving Laundries and Machinery.

saving equipment that is built in the home. In this attractive dwelling there is a large laundry fitted with sanitary tubs, a washing machine, ironing board with receptacle close by for electric iron, and electric mangle or ironing machine. Provision can be easily made for an end icing box and package receiver to eliminate the unnecessary tracking up of the kitchen floor by various delivery men.

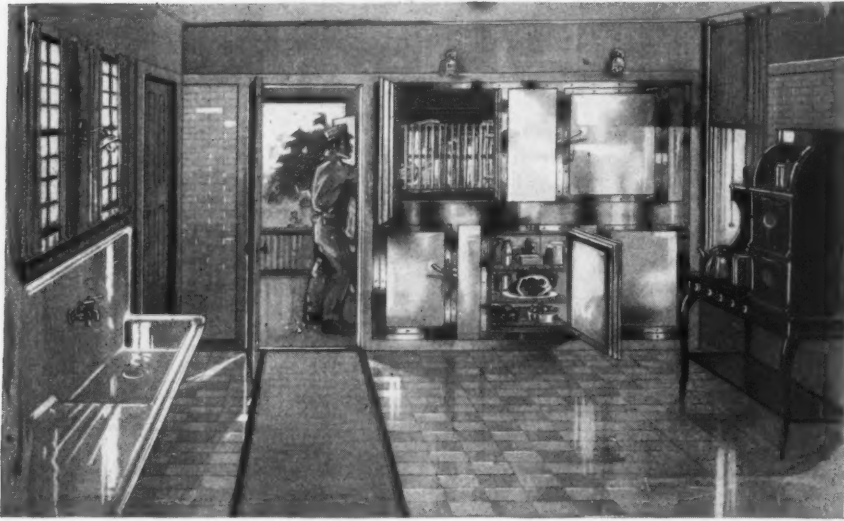
If more buildings of this type and charm were shown to prospective home-builders by contractors and builders, there would be a very noticeable response. Many people are deterred from building because they cannot find the design that they want. Especially is this the case of the man with a small family who wants to install his wife and children in a pretty home with plenty of room and who cannot afford to pay a very



First Floor Plan of Front Cover Home. This Charming Hollow Tile House with Brick and Stucco Finish Contains Seven Pleasant Rooms.



Upper Story of Front Cover Home, Showing Bedrooms and Bath. Note the Ample Closet Room. This House Is 32 by 39 Feet.



Did You Suggest an End-Icing Refrigerator to the Wife of Your Client? She Will Appreciate It Because She Has Her Kitchen Tracked Up Every Time the Iceman Brings a New Supply. Put the Ice in from the Porch.

large amount of money to build it. Above all he wants a home that will be permanent and lasting and a protection against danger such as fire.

In his case it would be difficult to find a more suitable design than the one shown on the front cover. This year with rents mounting skyward there will be more and more people planning on new homes of their own.



More Cement Needed to Rat-Proof Buildings

THOSE who are interested in the sale of cement should appreciate the value in this connection of the nation-wide anti-rat campaign now being waged by the United States Health Department and State and City Governments.

Rats constitute a tremendous menace that costs the nation \$180,000,000 to maintain annually and it takes the work of 200,000 men to produce what they consume and destroy. This would mean a lot if it could be turned into some useful channel and would represent an enormous saving if cut out altogether.

Here are some of the ways in which cement is used to fight the pest:

No. 1. Pounded glass mixed with cement is used to stop rat holes, cracks, and crevices.

No. 2. Old planked areas, passage ways, courts and yards should be cleaned out by having the planking removed, the surface prepared and a handsome clean surface of concrete laid down.

No. 3. Old abandoned sewer pipes, drains and wells should be closed in with cement plugs, thus sealing them up so that they can-

not harbor the rodents.

No. 4. Buildings with dead spaces in the walls should be rat-proofed by having cement heads or stops set at top and bottom so as to make the space vermin free.

No. 5. Foundations for new buildings of stone, cement, or brick, should be set 2 feet at least below the surface of the ground and the angle smoothly cemented in with the marginal walls so as to leave no crevices of entrance.

No. 6. Concrete buildings which do not permit of being gnawed by rats should be erected in place of loosely constructed buildings of vegetable material such as wood which will be gnawed by rats.



House Without Lath

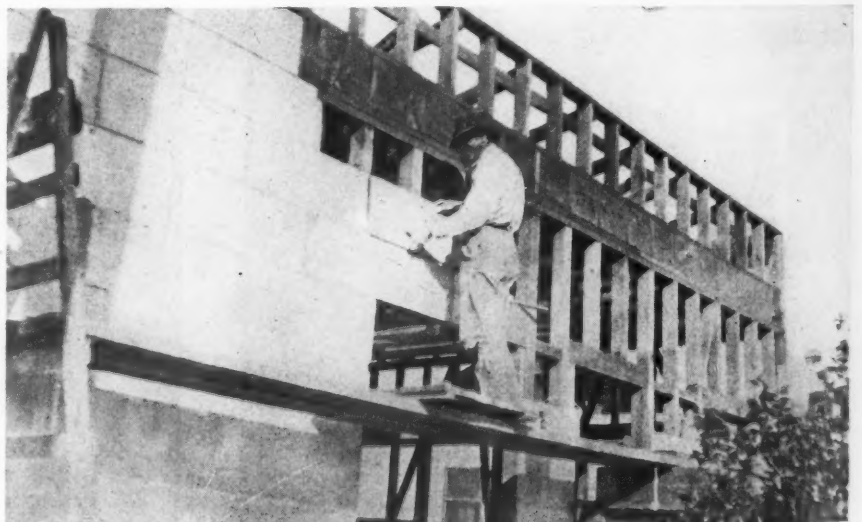
MR. A. HALLER, of San Pedro, California, is erecting a new store building, which is unusual because of the fact that concrete slabs instead of laths for the plastering is used. Mr. Haller, who is 63 years old, invented this method himself, and has made all the slabs for the structure.

The cement and sand is mixed in the usual manner and moulded in frames three feet long and one foot wide. The slab is a little less than an inch thick. A length of chicken wire is laid in the mould for reinforcement. Before the mixture is set, holes for nails are made, easily and quickly, by the simple method of a piece of wood with nails driven in at just the right distance.

When the slabs are dry they are nailed on the studding, reaching across three. On the studding where the two slabs meet, washers secure the two edges. These slabs are placed inside and outside of the walls, and the plastering is applied over them.

Mr. Haller believes that this method is less expensive than laths and that the slabs can be made and applied more quickly. A little sand is dusted in the moulds before the wet mixture is put in so the slab will come out more easily.

DELPHIA PHILLIPS.



Mr. Haller, California Contractor, Is Using Concrete Plastering Slabs Instead of Lath. These Slabs Are Placed Outside and Inside the Walls and Plastering Applied Over Them.

Attractive Real Estate Office Design

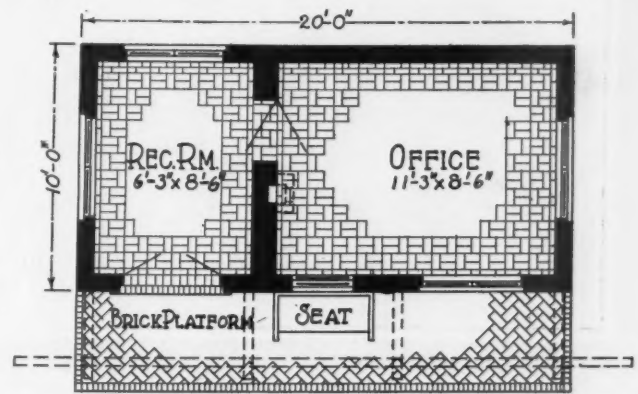
ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT OF SETTING AND PLEASING EXTERIOR DESIGN HAS STIMULATING AND INSPIRING EFFECT ON ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HOME BUILDING—CONSTRUCTION DETAILS ON PAGE 92

WHEN a firm advertises it hopes to make a certain desire in its prospective customers so strong as to culminate in a purchase. The real estate man starting a new subdivision is interested in selling lots to home-builders. How can he go about to stimulate this desire and thus increase his business? One very effective method is shown in the picture below. This real estate man has built a charming little office with all the earmarks of a cozy little bungalow. Even the most casual passers-by will pause to look it over; lukewarm prospects will be tempted very strongly to stop in and get further particulars about the project.

By building his real estate office this way the dealer appeals to the strongest sentiment in the world—the love of home. To make the building even more effective, it has been constructed of several materials in such a way as to show how each can be used. It has hollow tile walls coated with stucco, brick platform and floor and some excellent millwork features.

The exterior of this building is very attractive, made so by the low gable roof supported under the eaves, by large wooden brackets and lattice work on the sides. A hospitable Colonial bench next to the door beckons the weary homeseeker. Casement windows with brick sills add to the pleasing effect. The reception room is 6 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 6 inches. It is connected with the office by a single door. The office is 11 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 6 inches, well lighted by two double

casement windows and a small window over the seat on the front platform. The building is 20 feet wide and 10 feet long and is generally located at the corner

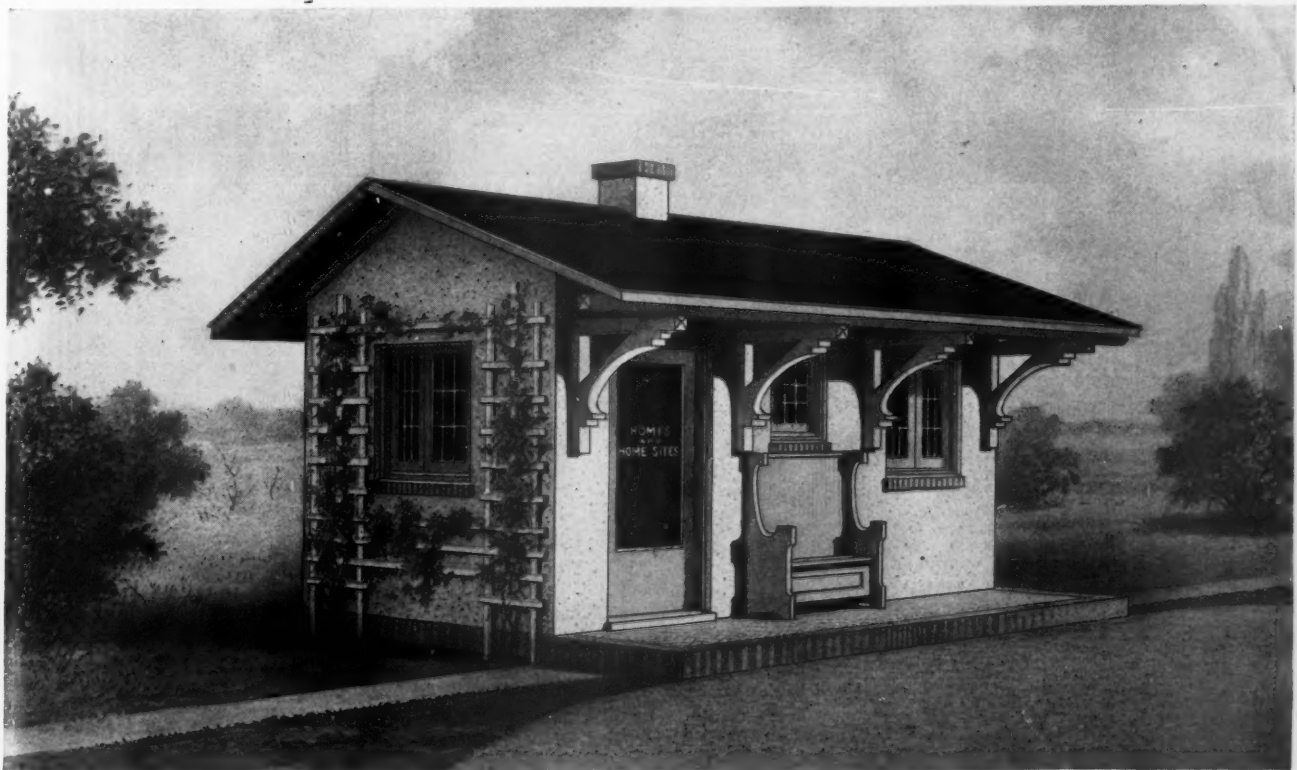


PLAN OF HOLLOW TILE REAL ESTATE OFFICE

Floor Plan of Real Estate Office, Showing Interior Arrangement of Reception Room and Office.

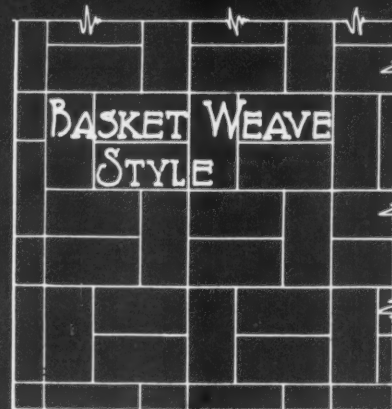
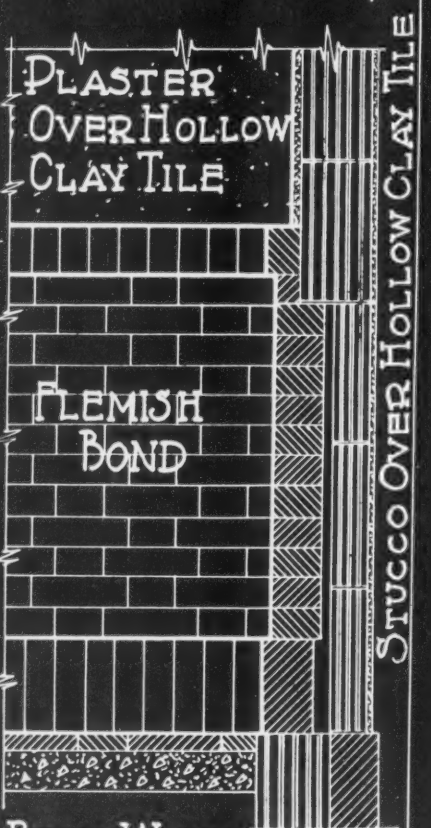
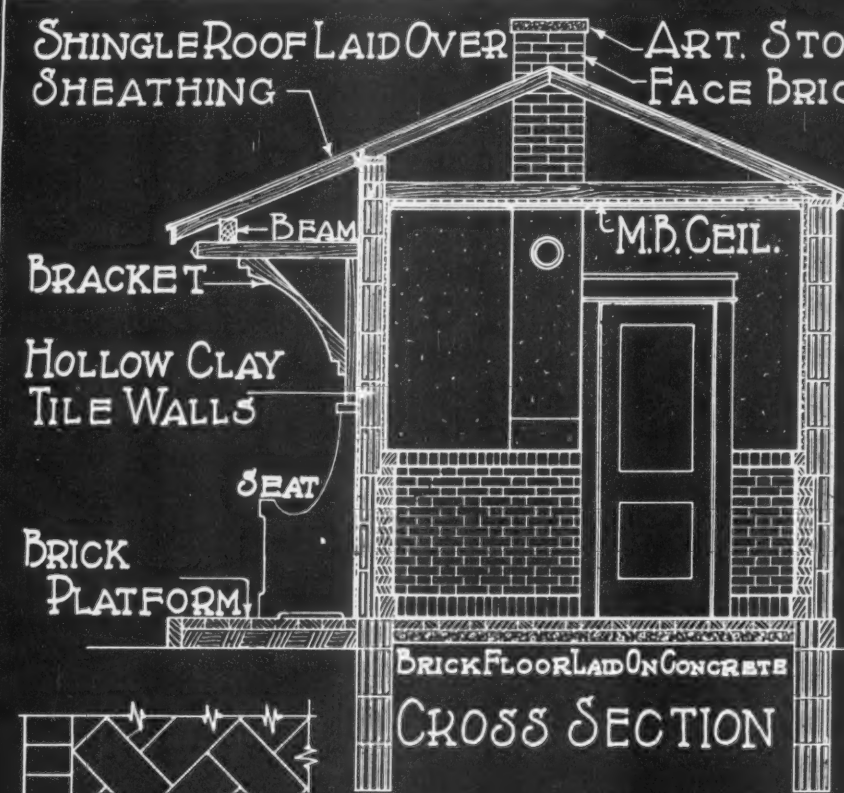
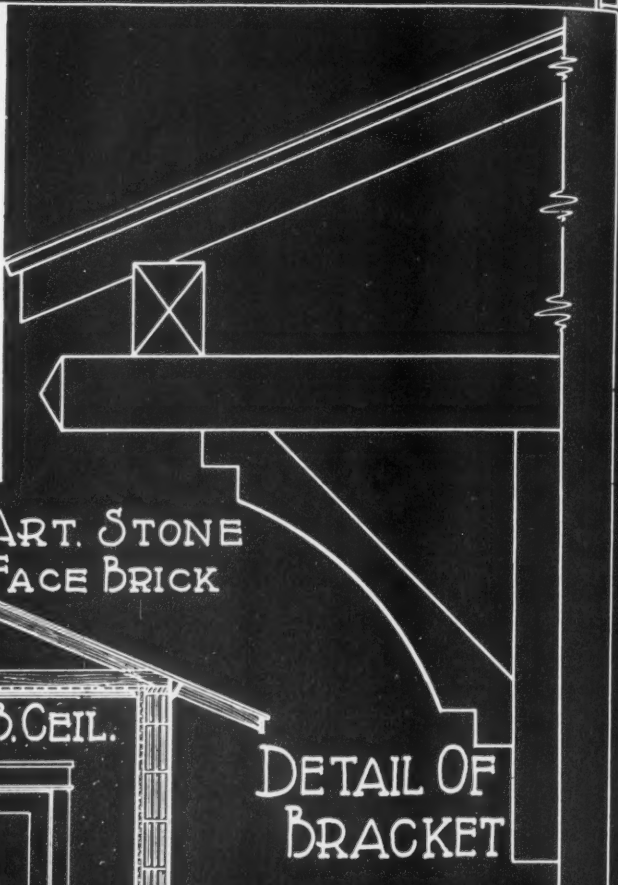
of the subdivision. Construction details are shown on the next page.

IT has been predicted that the by-product distillates of wood, as wood and grain alcohol, may sometimes equal other sawmill products in value. Grain alcohol may be produced from any wood at relatively low cost and by a process that yields other products of value as well. This may become a substitute for oil and gasoline in the operation of engines for automobiles and automotive machinery.



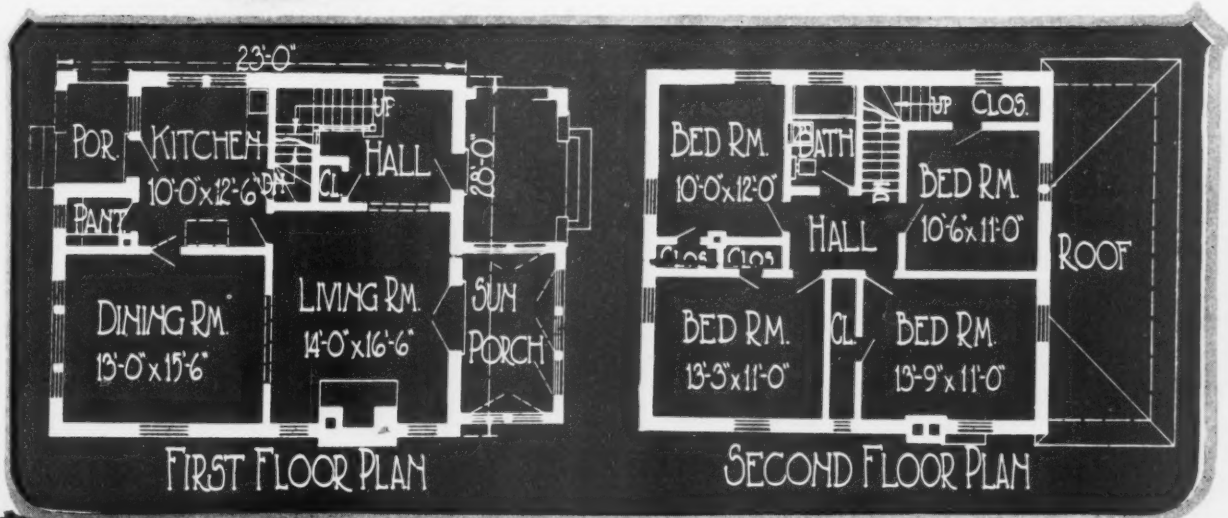
Attractively Constructed Real Estate Offices Like the One Above Will Be a Wonderful Stimulant to Business. This Cozy Little Structure Is Built of Hollow Tile with Stucco Exterior and Brick Floors. It Is 10 by 20 Feet in Size. Don't Overlook Art Insert, Showing Beautiful Colonial Home in This Issue.

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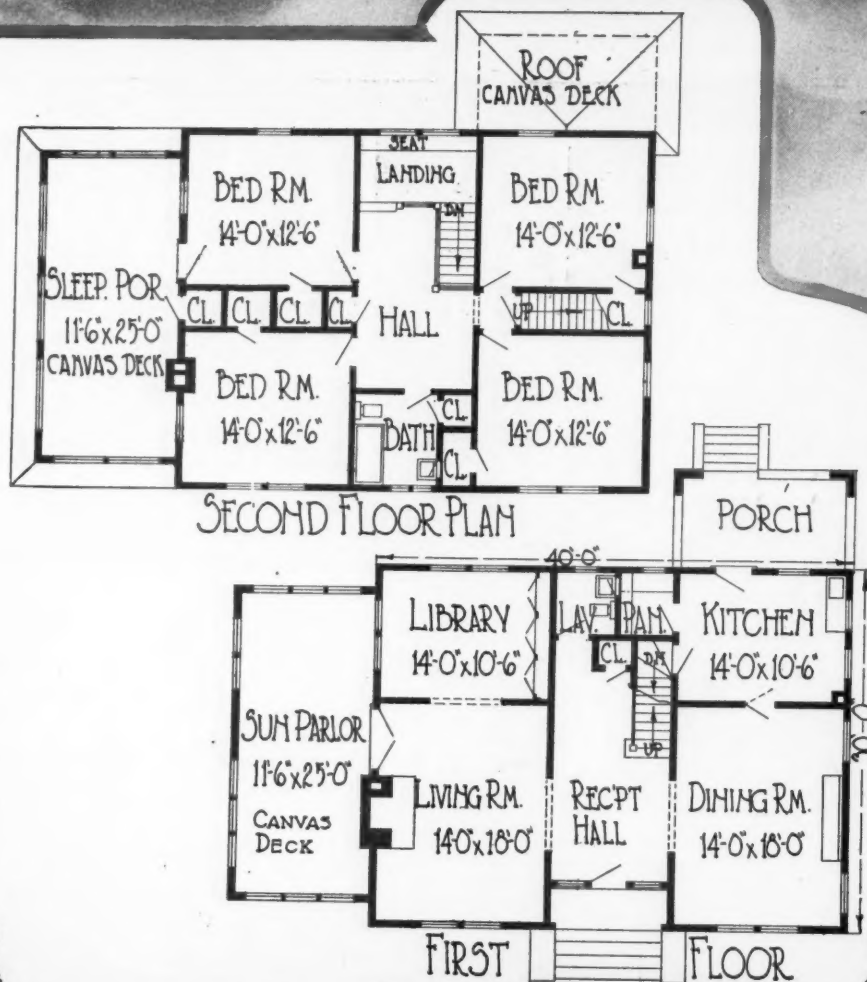


FRONT BRICK PLATFORM. BRICK FLOOR BRICK WAINSCOTING

HOLLOW TILE REAL ESTATE OFFICE



SUBSTANTIAL CONCRETE BLOCK HOME OF POPULAR DESIGN. The square-shaped hip-roofed house is always popular, and this attractive spacious home should prove no exception. It is built of smooth-faced concrete block and has a large front porch, part of which is glazed in. The rooms are laid out in the manner common to this type of structure and are all comfortable, well lighted and cheerful. The sun porch is reached from the cozy living room. Dining room and kitchen complete the lower floor plan. Upstairs are four bedrooms of ample size with clothes closets. This home should appeal to the man of family who wants plenty of room and does not care for frills. Because there is no freakish construction required, the square-shaped house is very economical in cost. The size of this seven-room house is 28 by 23 feet.



BEAUTIFUL EIGHT-ROOM STUCCO HOUSE. The features of this comfortable and attractive home are the large roomy sun parlor and sleeping porch at one end. The deck between these two porches has been covered on upper and lower sides with canvas, serving as roof for the sun parlor and floor for the upper porch. The house is built along square, economical lines with eight rooms, four on each floor. On the lower floor are the living room, dining room, library and kitchen and an extra lavatory. Upstairs are four bedrooms and bath. In the large living room, 14 by 18 feet, is an open brick fireplace. The library is fitted with wall book cases. All rooms are well lighted by windows on two sides. A drive along the side of the house leads to a stucco garage in the rear. The home is 30 by 40 feet.

Modern Bank Building Design

SUBSTANTIAL BRICK STRUCTURE HAS ATTRACTIVE FACADE WITH TERRA COTTA TRIM AND EFFICIENT FLOOR PLAN ARRANGEMENT—CONSTRUCTION DETAILS ON PAGE 96

IN any town the bank is the bulwark of prosperity and security, the repository of confidence. Consequently the architecture of the building in which it is housed is designed to carry out this idea. Bank buildings are stout and substantial in construction, and dignified in appearance.

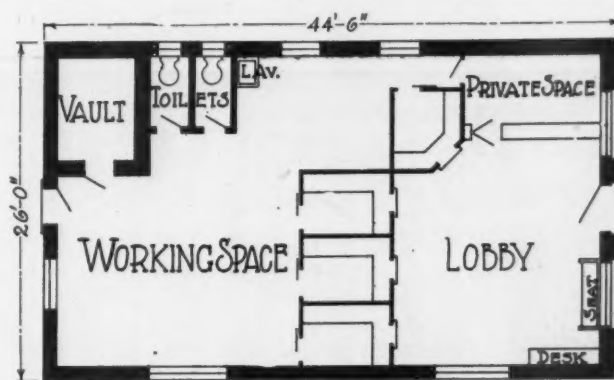
The facade is most important. It should be attractive and indicative of power and strength. The inevitable reaction of people of this kind of building is bound to be favorable.

An excellent type of bank building of smaller size is shown here. It is admirably suited for locations in the uptown sections of larger cities and as the main building in smaller towns. The front facade has been very skillfully designed. On the lower floor is the dignified entrance flanked on either side by high, grated windows. Above three large windows provide plenty of unobstructed light to the lobby. This building is built of brick with terra cotta trim on front and sides. Two large windows on one side and two smaller ones on the other provide additional lighting facilities. The heavy front door opens into the lobby or public space where customers can transact business. Desks and wall counters have been installed for their use. On one side is the office of the officials who have to transact business over the counter and to the rear of the lobby is the banking space with tellers' cages, vault, and two lavatories. The vault is built within solid brick walls.

In a bank of this size the ornamental bronze railings and fixtures are quite important. The interior, while lending an impression of security, should be

made as attractive as possible, and this result is very excellently obtained by the installation of metal fixtures, many types of which are available to be builder. Some details of interior bank construction are shown in blue-printed form on the next page.

Wherever people gather together and form a community, there is need for a banking institution. Starting perhaps in a makeshift office it eventually recognizes the need of a modern and safe building. That is why new bank buildings are being erected continu-



FLOOR PLAN OF BANK BLDG.

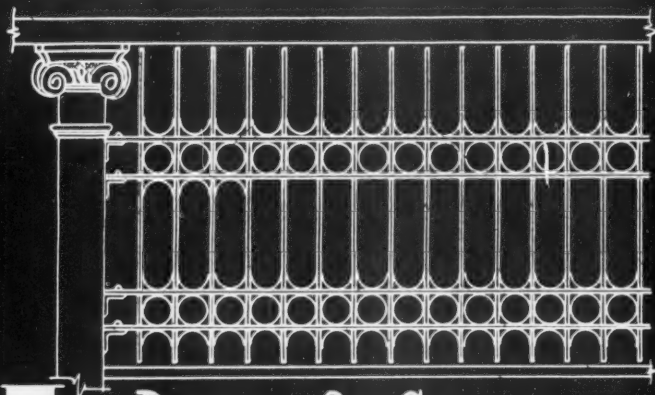
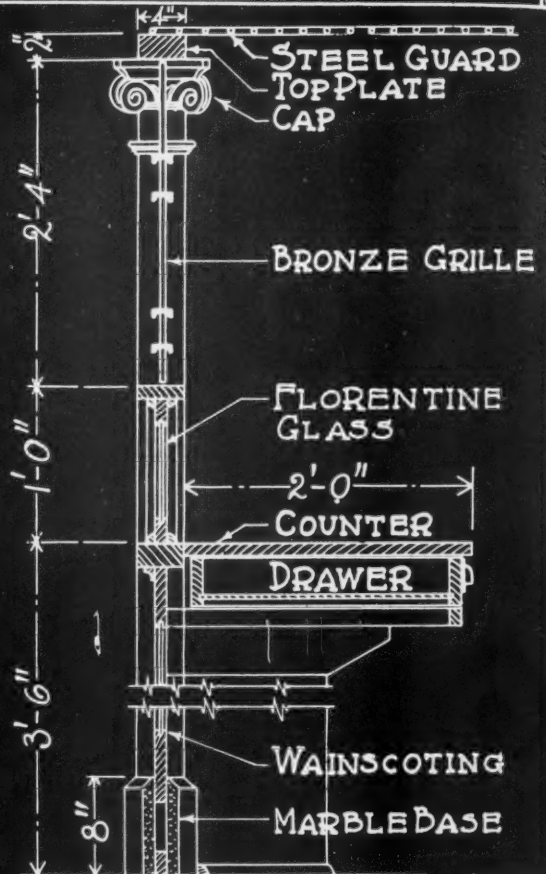
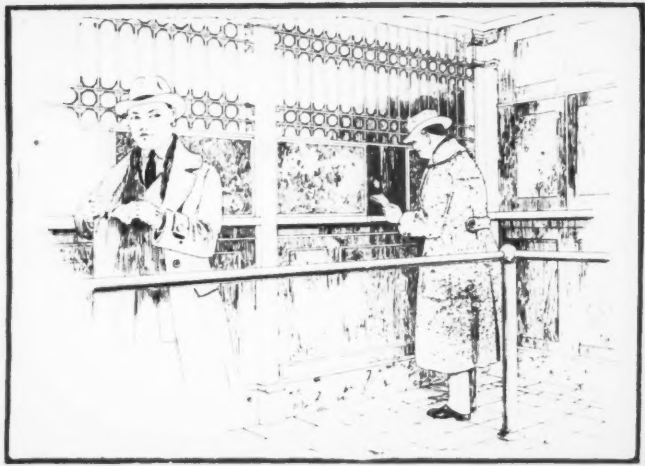
Floor Plan of Modern Bank Building Described in This Article.

ally despite cessation or lull in home-building and other activities. There is opportunity in every town regardless of size or location for the builder to get the contract on this important structure. Once completed it will be the most eloquent advertisement he can have to further his business and better his reputation as a builder of buildings worth while.



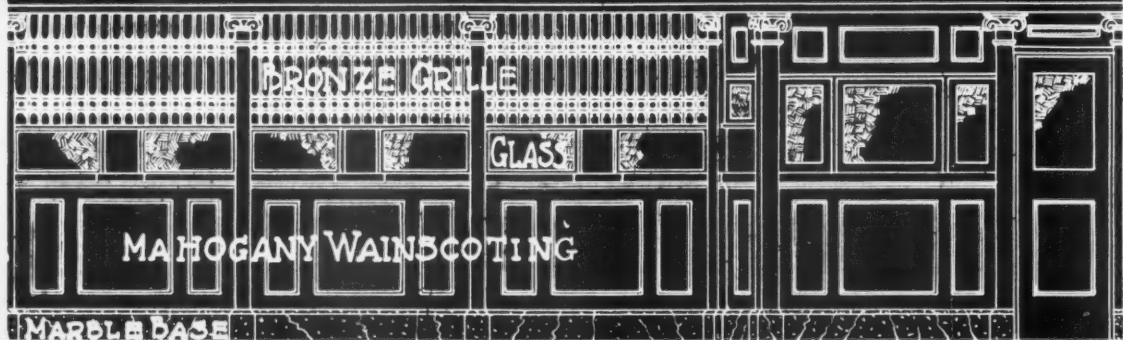
Perspective of Bank Building Design. Built of Brick with Attractive Terra Cotta Trim, It Is an Excellent Type for Outlying Banks in Large Cities and in Towns. (See Construction Details on Next Page.) Size, 26 by 44 Feet 6 Inches.

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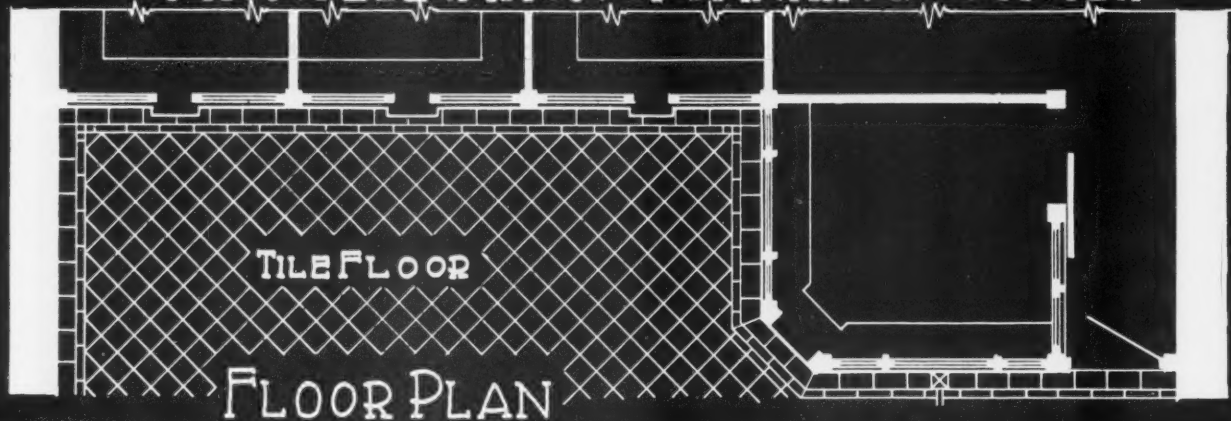


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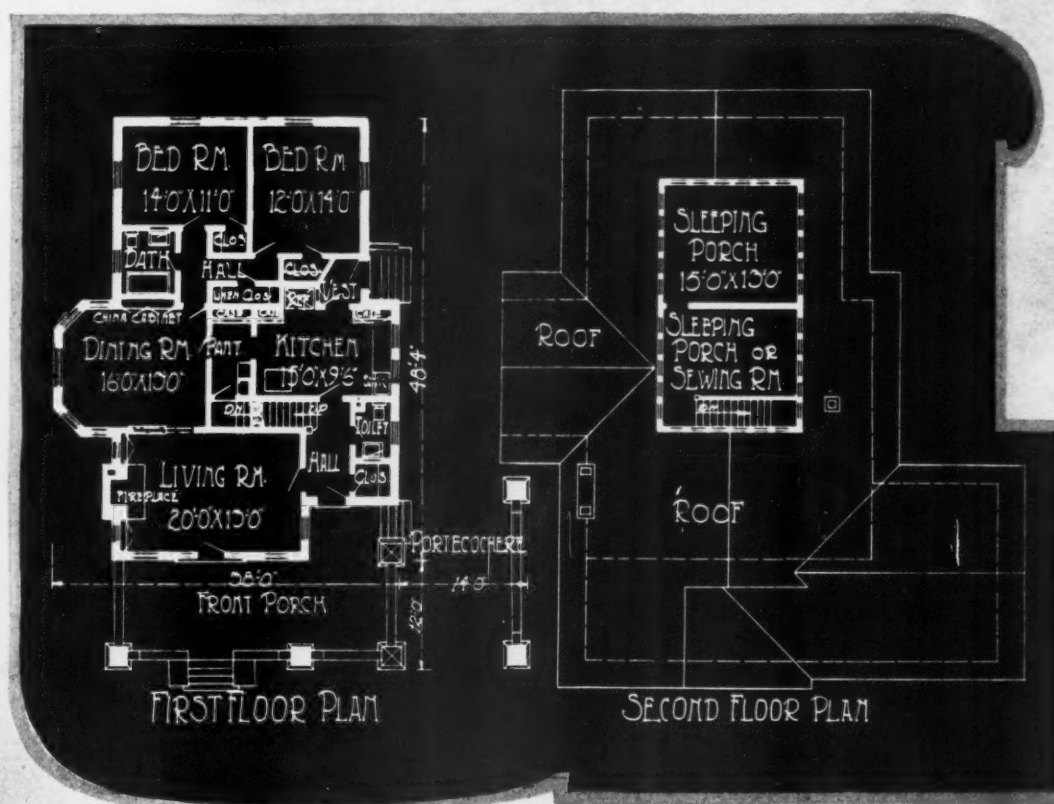


FRONT ELEVATION OF BANKING COUNTERS

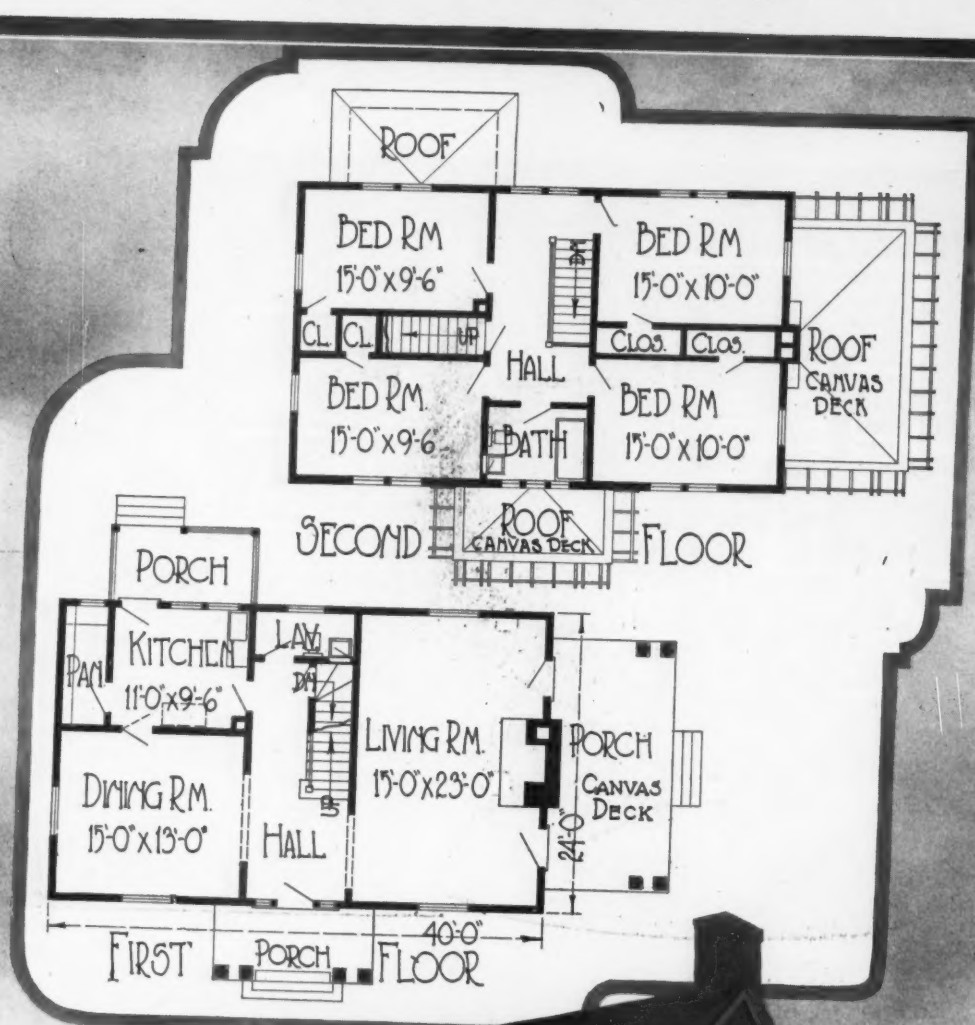


FLOOR PLAN

INTERIOR BANK FIXTURES



SOMETHING UNUSUAL IN BUNGALOW DESIGN. For the man of strong individualistic taste, this rather odd "airplane" shaped bungalow should prove very tempting. It is different than most houses, but quite attractive. The body of the house is attractively finished in buff face brick with pronounced mortar joints while the upper part and cupola are finished in stucco in half timber effect. The treatment of the roofs on the house proper, upper story, and portecochere is quite artistic and distinctive. On the main floor are living room, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms. In the cupola are two additional sleeping rooms or porches, as they are called, one of which may be used very conveniently as a sewing room because of the excellent natural lighting afforded by the many windows. The house itself is 38 by 48 feet 4 inches. The portecochere is 14 feet wide.



CHARMING COLONIAL DESIGN. Like "old wine" this type of architecture grows better with age. This design is particularly pleasing because of the many individualistic touches that add greatly to its attractiveness. Shingle-sided, it has very striking pergola porches with lattice work between the pillars. The front and side porch roof decks are covered with canvas roofing as indicated in the floor plan above. The foundation is built of rough stone. There are seven rooms in this home. The living room is large and comfortable, 15 by 23 feet, with the usual large open brick fireplace. The dining room across the small reception hall is small and convenient to the kitchen which is also designed along compact lines. A lavatory has been provided on the first floor. Upstairs are the four bedrooms of about equal size. Size, 24 by 40 feet.

No Lull in Sale of Lightning Protection

100 PER CENT OF FIRES IN INDIANA FARM BUILDINGS CAUSED BY LIGHTNING OCCURRED IN UNPROTECTED STRUCTURES

MORE and more dealers are finding out that there is at least one line on which business need never be dull. That line—and it is a very profitable one—is lightning protection. With a good standard system of protection, it is easy to fill in the dull times and slack seasons on other items in stock with this all-year and every-year seller.

Lightning rods are recognized everywhere as necessary protection for practically every building on the farm, and in town, too. They are recommended by insurance companies, state fire marshals and all electrical authorities. Lightning is the principal cause of farm fires, according to the last report of the Indiana State Fire Marshal, who says in substance:

In a recent investigation of 38,266 farm fires, it was found that 19,820, or 51 per cent, were due to lightning. Of these, exactly 100 per cent occurred in buildings not protected by lightning rods.

In other words, not a single farmer who installed proper lightning rod protection suffered loss from lightning fires.

Nearly all insurance companies handling farm business, realize the saving power of lightning rods against the attacks of the destroyer from the skies. They are convinced of the value of the lightning rod as a protector of farm property. The lightning rod now occupies the same place with relation to the protection of farm property as the automatic sprinkler does to the municipal building protection, at least as far as reliability goes.

With such facts as these at hand, dealers find it comparatively easy to work up a large and profitable business on lightning protection. In proportion to property values involved today, lightning rod protection is installed at lower cost than ever before.

The sale of lightning protection is not governed by the ups and downs of the building business. When new buildings are going up, naturally the best prospects are the owners of the new buildings. But when the building business is dull, plenty of business can be had by selling the owners of old buildings which are not protected.

Applying Base for Stucco and Plaster

EFFECTIVE KEY MADE OF DOVETAILED WOOD STRIPS FASTENED TOGETHER IN LAYERS—DETAILS ON BLUEPRINTED PAGE 102

ONE of the big problems of the builder in erecting a stucco house is to provide a strong and permanent key or base for both the stucco or exterior coat and the plaster, as well as an effective insulating base. Among the efficient materials on the market is a base made of strong dove-tailed wood strips embedded under great pressure in a layer of asphalt mastic with a background of fibre board.

It is important that this base be kept dry until it is applied to the frame of the building when it is to be used as stucco base. Each wood strip is nailed with 4d nails. When nailed securely the strips are then sprayed, if dry, so as to prevent suction.

As a general rule, these wood strips are set cross grain to the under surface; if applied directly to the studs or furring strips they should be horizontal, but if put over horizontal sheathing should be vertical. Where lumber sheathing is used, the base should be applied diagonally. In cutting this material, saw across the wood strips with a sharp saw, leaving the sheets on a bench for the purpose. Joints should be broken every three or four feet. To strengthen the corner many builders use galvanized wire mesh.

When this base is used the mixture of stucco is important. The recommended mix is 1 part hydrated lime, mixed dry with 10 parts of portland cement; mix until a perfectly even color is obtained, then take 1 part of this mixture and add 2½ parts of clean sand and mix in the same manner. To this mixture add enough water to give a good stiff mortar. Apply the

first coat to the stucco base under pressure to insure filling the dovetail key. The coat should be ⅝ inch thick and beginning with the second day should be kept wet for seven days before applying the second coat.

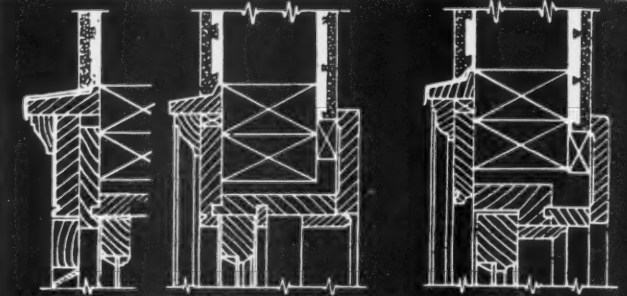
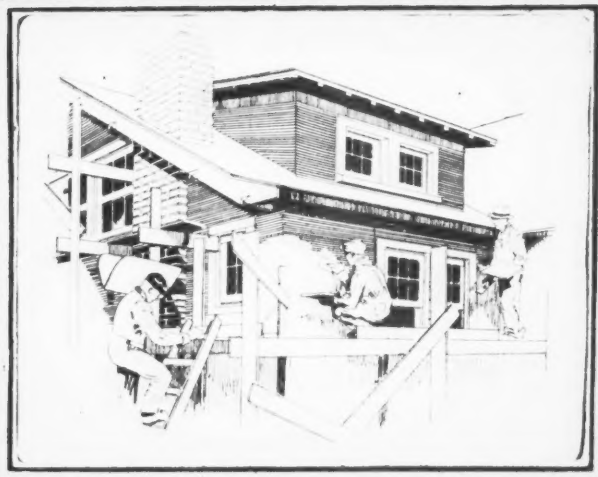
For the second coat the same mixture is used. Care should be observed that the first coat is thoroughly dry before the second one is applied. The finishing coat should not be less than ¼ inch thick and should be carried in one general direction without letting the mortar dry out at the edge. The various surface finishes are applied as in regular stucco work.

This same material is used as sheathing, the only difference being in the use of square-edged wood strips instead of the dovetailed type. This sheathing is applied in the same manner as the stucco base, being nailed to the studs, joists or rafters. Very often it is used as sub flooring. Complete specifications on the use of this material can be obtained from the manufacturer. Details of the most important features of this construction are shown in blue-printed form on page 102.

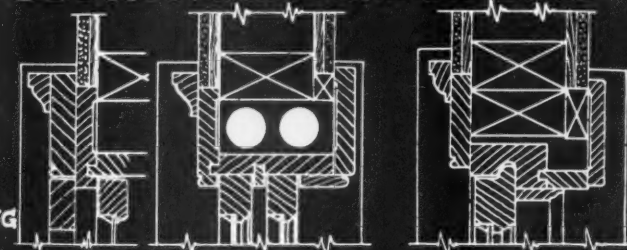
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COMPLETE specifications of all kinds of contractors' machinery are listed on pages 148-164. Consult these tables for information on the machinery you will need for the coming year. You will find them condensed and complete, a hand-book containing the information every builder and contractor should have. They will not only help you, but save delay and extra trouble.

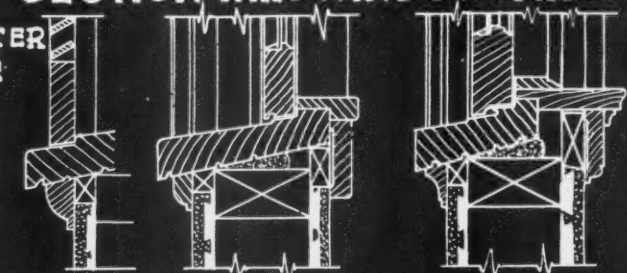
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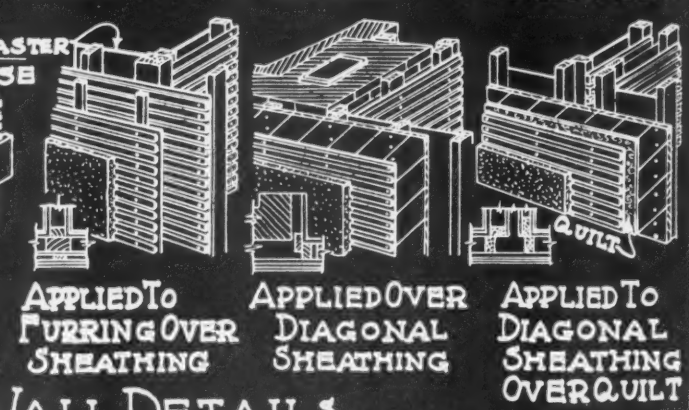
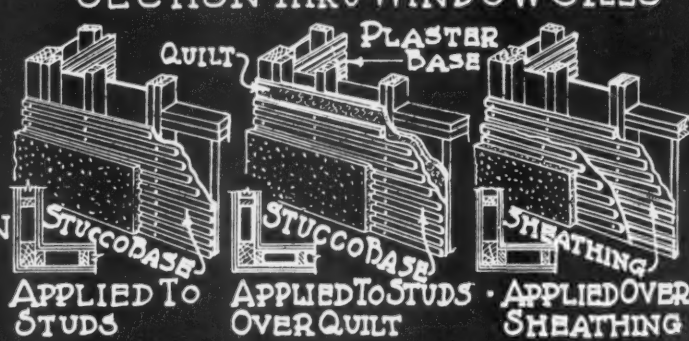
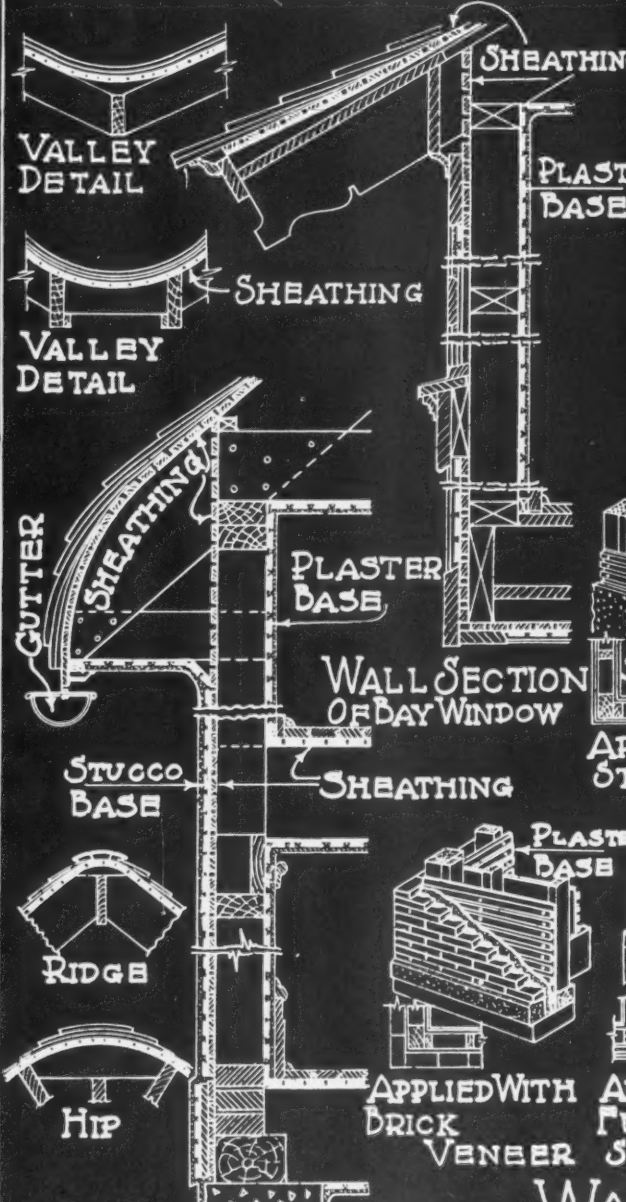
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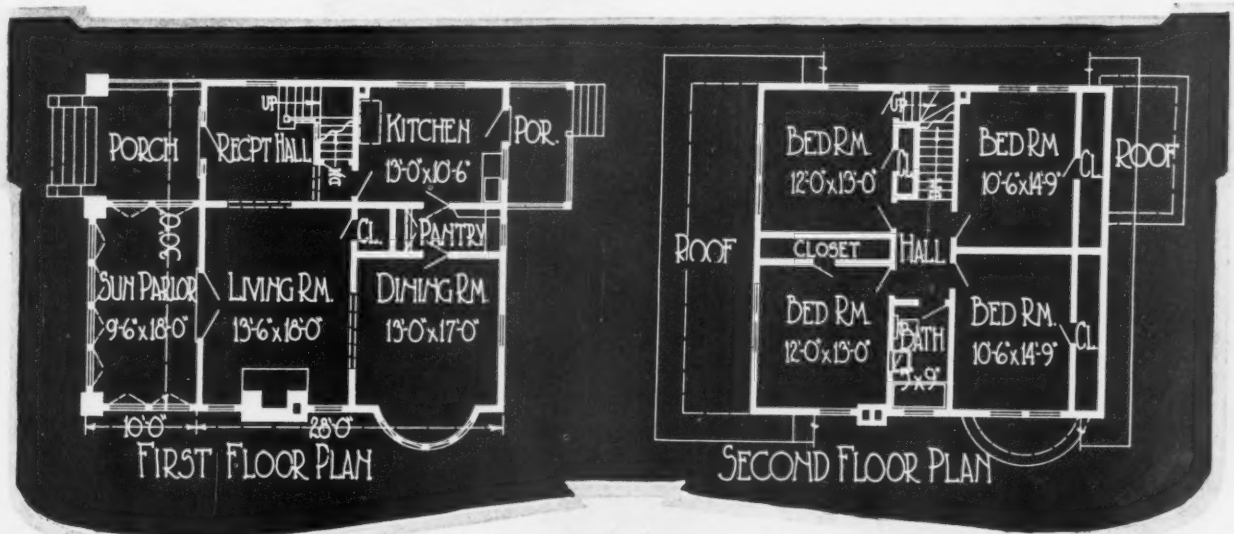
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WALL SECTION

WALL DETAILS

PLASTER BASE, STUCCO BASE & SHEATHING



UNUSUALLY APPEALING HOME OF PLEASING DESIGN. This attractive stucco structure embodies beauty, comfort, and substantial construction. Special wood stucco and plaster base, such as is shown in detail on opposite page, was used thruout. Always an important feature in modern homes, the sun parlor has not been overlooked in this design. It is exceptionally large, 9 feet 6 inches by 18 feet, and opens into a large living room with open fireplace. The sun parlor affords plenty of sunshine and air to this room. The front entrance leads into a reception hall which also opens into the living room. The other rooms on the lower floor are the dining room and kitchen. Upstairs are four bedrooms of good size, and bathroom. The house is 30 feet wide and 28 feet long, exclusive of sun parlor and front porch.



More Scenes Like This During the Coming Spring Will Be a Healthy Sign and a Pleasant Sight for Many Families Who Are Now Facing Greatly Increased Rentals and Possible Eviction. More Buildings Will Help to Relieve the Present Housing Shortage.

Machinery Has Changed Building Methods

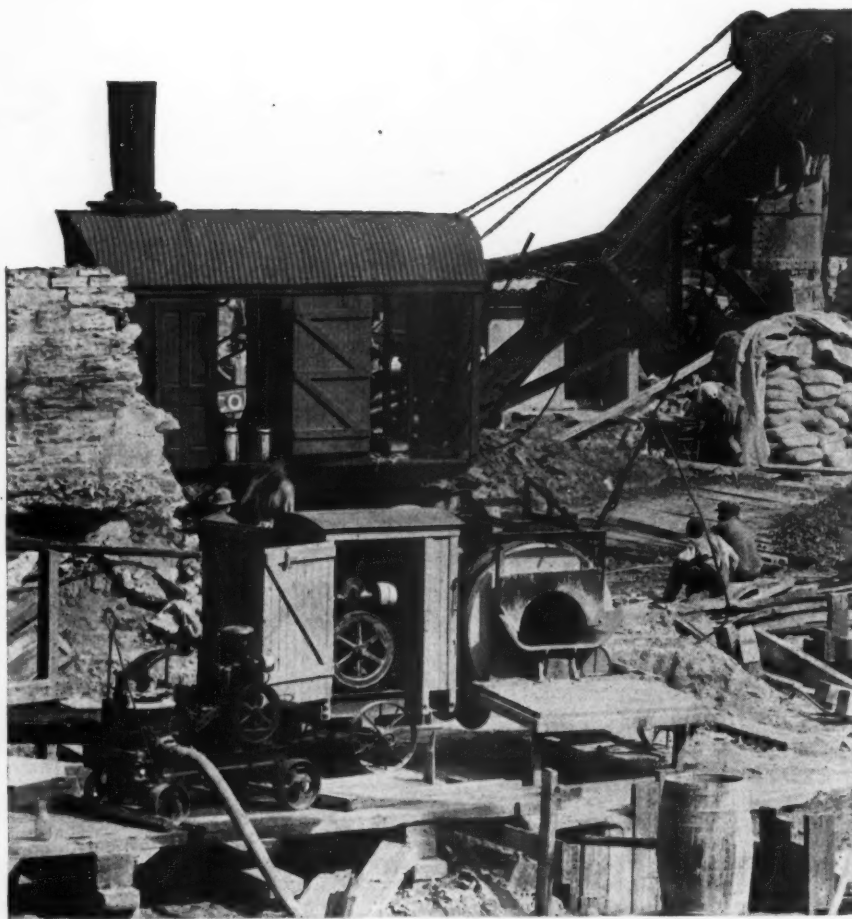
EVERY BUILDER SHOULD HAVE LABOR-SAVING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO KEEP COSTS DOWN AND SPEED UP WORK

WHEN the great Lien Chin, emperor of ancient China, decided to build the wall that was to protect his country from the ravages of barbarians to the North, he needed an army of 300,000 men. And when Pharaoh took upon himself the

mighty task of building the pyramids, he likewise needed myriads of men. Slowly they toiled, lifting great stones into place and centuries passed before the work was accomplished. Today we hardly lift an eyebrow at construction projects which are by no means small when compared in size with these ancient wonders.

Why? Simply because we have today that which they lacked in the years past—machinery. The task of seventy or one hundred men has taken over by a single machine. The hoist or the derrick, and other elevating machinery, have lifted enormous burdens from human shoulders. Human power and energy has been replaced by mechanical power furnished by gasoline and steam engines and electric motors.

Most modern contractors have large sums of money invested in machinery to take care of the various steps in the course of building a structure. There is need for a mixer to mix the concrete, mortar and plaster, a block or brick machine if the house is to be built of these materials, saw rigs and woodworkers, to take care of the carpenter work on the job, such as sawing the wooden forms for the concrete, the rough lumber, etc., pumps to clear the way for excavation, steam shovels to scoop out the foundations, motor trucks to haul it away, air painting machines to save the surface and apply finish coats like



Machinery on the Job. We Need no Stronger Testimony Than Is Presented Here as to the Merits of Modern Machinery and Equipment on the Building Job. There Are the Mixer, the Gas Engine, the Pump, and Steam Derrick, All Cutting Labor Cost and Speeding Up the Work.



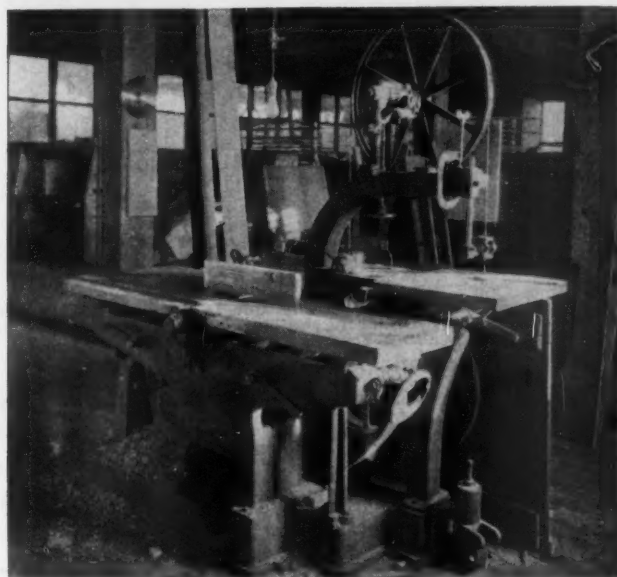
Painting by Machinery Has Revolutionized That Industry. The Present Age Has Seen Some Wonderful Developments in Building Equipment and This Is One of the Most Striking.

stucco, and a long list of other equipment which helps to speed up the work and cut down labor costs. This happy family of labor savers has made construction an over-night proposition instead of centuries of toil. Even the stupendous task of digging and building the Panama Canal only required seven years. Skyscrapers of twenty or more stories are built within a year.

But to every contractor, large or small, the question of labor saving is one of tremendous importance and for that reason they should be interested in machinery that will bring about this result.

In 1920 there were 1,400,000 marriages and only

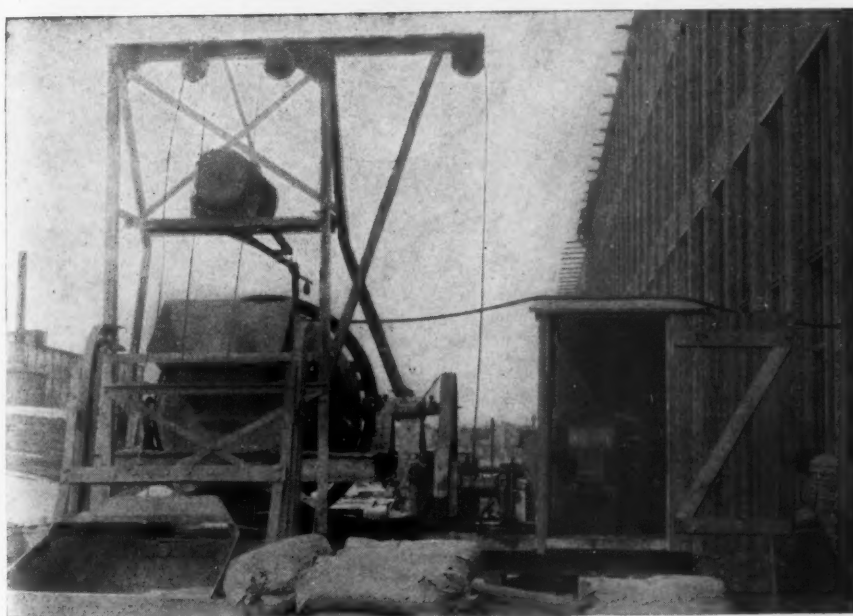
70,000 new homes were built. This glaring deficiency cannot be maintained forever and for that reason it is safe to believe that homes will have to be built and that very soon. The logical thing for the contractor in every town, as no locality is free from this scarcity of homes is to plan for the rush that is inevitable. This is psychological time to look over the equipment field and study the various labor-saving machinery that is available. For this reason the AMERICAN BUILDER is



In the Shop the Carpenter, Builder, and Contractor Are Using Woodworkers of This Type. With Special Attachments for Many Different Kinds of Work, These Machines Are Valuable Aids in Increasing Profits.

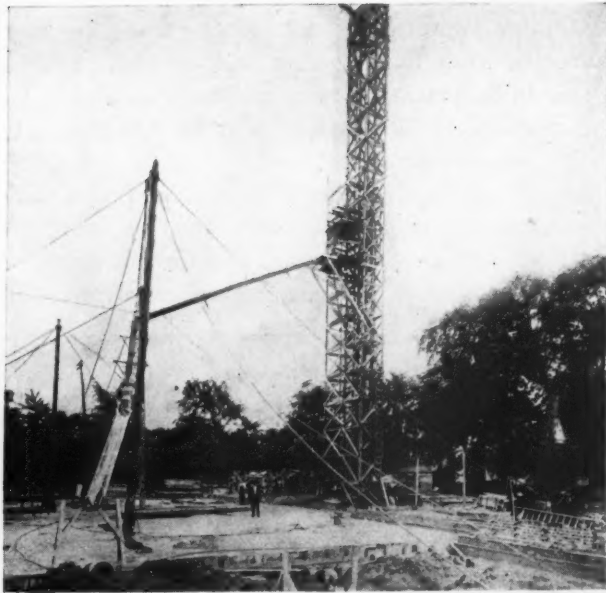
presenting on pages 150-164 of this issue complete specifications of the important machinery that builders need and use constantly. Each builder can see what particular make will satisfy his needs.

The old saying that the early bird will catch the worm is as true today as it ever was.



Electric Power Is Becoming an Important Factor in the Building Field in More Ways Than One. In This Picture the Motor Is Operating a Concrete Mixer. Motors Are Used to Run All Types of Builders' Machinery.

Machinery has made this a stone age, not of the prehistoric type, but artificial stone—concrete. For years the possibilities of portland cement were known, but the work of mixing it with aggregates was so heavy and slow by hand that little could be accomplished. Then came the first mixer. Gradually improvements were added until we have the great power mixing apparatus of the present time, mixers with capacities of several cubic yards up to great pavers running as high as 20 cubic yards. The power of the gas engine and electric motor has displaced the efforts of many men and the machinery has speeded up the work so much that concrete is the important material of construction.



One Type of Material Hoist. This One Is Operated by a Steam Engine. Concrete Is Hoisted to the Chute, Dumped and Poured by Gravity Into the Waiting Forms.

So important has it become in foundation, walls, floors, and many other ways that every contractor has found it necessary to use or own a mixer of some type or other. Now that the spring is at hand with prospects of a big season brighter than for three years, the builder's duty is to take stock of his mixing equipment and machinery. To aid him in this important task, the AMERICAN BUILDER is publishing complete specifications of the mixing machines on the market.

But the machinery needed does not stop with the mixer. This is lumber to be cut on the job and in the shop. For this work the handy woodworker and saw rig has been found invaluable not only as a labor-saver, but a time saver. There is much rough lumber to be cut on all construction jobs, especially where concrete work is being done and this is easily handled by one of the sawing machines. In his shop the contractor has many special jobs which require the attachments of a variety wood worker to be completed properly.

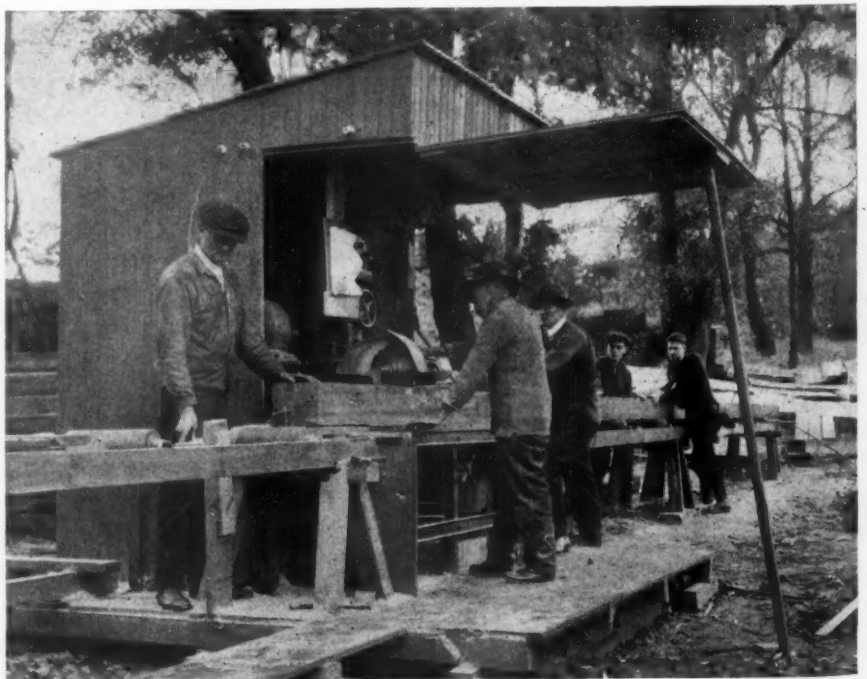
There is no time for the laggard in the building business. That is why the motor truck has rapidly replaced horses. The latter were not fast enough. Loading and unloading took too much time; heavy duty trucks with special hoists and dump bodies supplied the means for hauling materials in large quantities, light speedy trucks take care of the emergency deliveries and the



Another Unique Type of Hoisting Bucket Operated on a Single Mast. Here They Are Pouring Concrete for a New Baseball Grandstand.

carrying of special material. The average contractor finds the motor truck is versatile enough to take care of so many jobs that it is an essential part of his equipment.

Since the introduction and perfection of the concrete block and brick machines, many builders have taken up concrete products manufacture as a lucrative side line in addition to their regular building business. Many builders have found this particular industry so profitable that they have established large plants and are now enjoying the fruits of success.



Efficient Methods Now Call for the Cutting of Rough Lumber on the Scene of the Building Activity. Here a Handy Woodworker Is Doing the Work of Many Men. Another Cog in the Great Labor-Saving Process.

Concrete Block Foundations

IMPORTANT FACTORS IN THE SECURING OF WATER-TIGHT FOUNDATIONS UNDER VARIOUS CONDITIONS
DISCUSSED BY LEADING BUILDERS

Discussion Conducted by
A. J. R. Curtis

THE article appearing in the January number of the AMERICAN BUILDER, entitled "How to Build the Foundation," in which recommended construction of both poured concrete and concrete block was described, has resulted in a number of interesting opinions from practical builders, giving their experiences in making foundations water-tight and generally satisfactory under unfavorable conditions. In the present article discussions relative to foundations of concrete block construction will be presented (these being particularly numerous), saving the data pertaining to monolithic foundations to be dealt with in the future.

The accompanying table summarizes the suggestions of 15 experienced builders of concrete basement foundations under a variety of drainage conditions and soil characteristics.

Concrete Block Foundation Walls (Below Grade)

(Summary of the Construction Practice of Fifteen Builders who Discuss Article on Foundations in January Number of the "American Builder")

LOCATION OF BUILDER	Soil conditions reported	Block must be Strong and non-absorbent.	Bed Block carefully in dense water-tight mortar.	Fill first two courses of block solid.	Use line of drain tile around wall at level of footing and carried to outlet.	Use a standard masonry covering, such as pitch or cement mortar coat.	Back fill must be carefully tamped in.
Rochester, N. Y.	Low and Swampy.	Yes	Yes	.....	Yes	.....	.....
Omaha, Neb.	Fairly Dry.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	.....	Yes
Davenport, Ia.	Average.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	.....	Yes
St. Paul, Minn.	Wet to Dry.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Mooseheart, Ill.	Wet Clay.....	Yes	Yes	.....	Yes	Yes	.....
Alton, Ill.	Fairly Dry.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Ulm, Minn.	Wet to Dry.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sioux City, Ia.	Wet.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bangor, Maine.	Swampy.....	Yes	Yes	.....	Yes	Yes	.....
Bay City, Mich.	Swampy.....	Yes	Yes	.....	Yes	.....	.....
Detroit, Mich.	High Water Table.	Yes	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	.....
Omaha, Neb.	Fairly Dry.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes
Cleveland, Ohio.	Clay.....	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
Oxford, Ind.	Clay.....	.....	Yes	.....	Yes	Yes	.....
Richmond, Ind.	Fairly Dry.....	.....	Yes	.....	Yes	.....	.....

Twelve of the 15 builders reported in the table place emphasis on the necessity of using block of good quality in foundations which will be called upon to resist water pressure from without. One builder writes, "Altho it is stated in the AMERICAN BUILDER article on foundations that block having an absorption of 8 per cent or less in 48 hours may be used in such cases, and I have no doubt that 8 per cent represents very satisfactory block for the pur-

pose, I have been making block of very low porosity test—2.7 per cent by weight after immersion for 48 hours—in order to secure this additional factor of safety."

Another builder says, "I have built over 8,000 concrete block basement foundations without a complaint. Our block were made of a relatively rich mix (1:4) considering our excellent aggregates, using as much water as possible in our machine without having the block sag. All block were mechanically tamped and steam cured at least 48 hours." Undoubtedly, the practice just described would produce block of high quality, certainly at least equal to the American Concrete Institute standards, as published in the AMERICAN BUILDER for May, 1920, pages 148 to 150.

A correspondent who has built several hundred foundations of concrete block construction in a section where there is a practically constant head of water almost to the surface, writes: "We assume that we have to build these foundations of concrete units

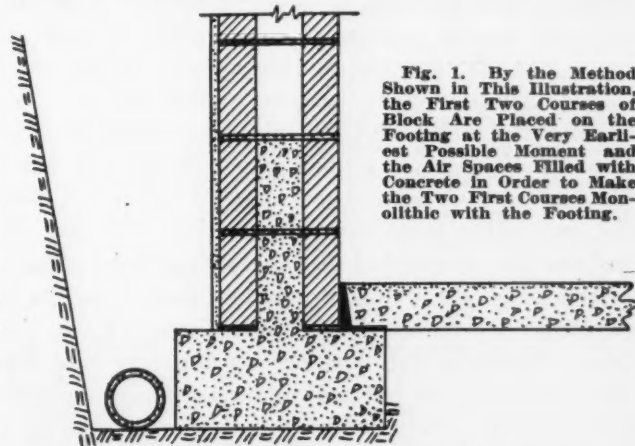


Fig. 1. By the Method Shown in This Illustration, the First Two Courses of Block Are Placed on the Footing at the Very Earliest Possible Moment and the Air Spaces Filled with Concrete in Order to Make the Two First Courses Monolithic with the Footing.

capable of sustaining loads of 1,500 pounds per square inch. We believe that block of such quality would have greater density than our local common brick." Strengths exceeding the 1,500 pounds mentioned above are commonly obtained, since ordinary hollow block must withstand a load of about 1,500 pounds per square inch, figuring the net area, which is approximately the equivalent of the specification requirement of 1,000 pounds on the gross area of the block.

Rich Mortar and Careful Bedding

Experience in the construction of concrete block foundations has shown a favorable point over rubble and other foundations of irregular shaped units, in the ability to easily obtain dense, water-tight joints. The joints in a concrete block wall may be made of a relatively uniform bed of mortar thruout the job, there being no depressions or hollows to fill or "humps" to build up around. Nevertheless, builders recognize the joint as the weakest point in the wall as regards re-

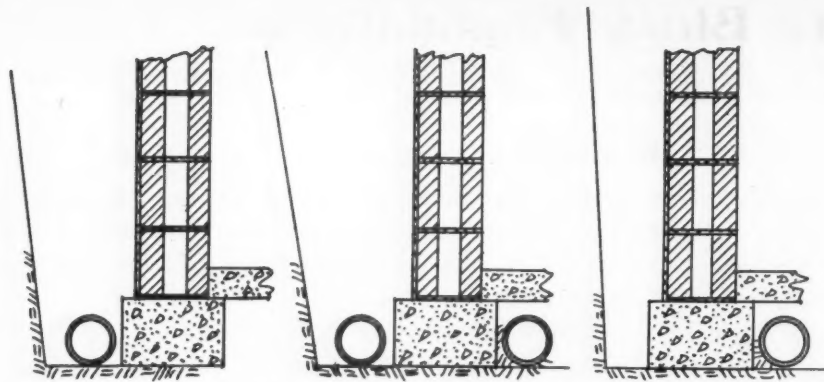


Fig. 2. Illustration to the Left Shows the Usual Placing of the Drain Tile to Relieve the Basement Wall from Water Pressure. Center Illustration Shows Precaution Used in Extreme Cases, of Tiling Around the Inside of the Footing as Well as Around the Outside. This Method Is Used Particularly to Relieve Water Pressure Under the Floor. Illustration to the Right Shows Tiling on Inside of Wall Only. This Method, While Not as Good as That Shown to the Left, Is Quicker and Less Expensive, Reducing Considerably the Necessary Excavating.

sistance to water pressure, and guard accordingly. In the above reference table notice that 13 of the 15 builders reporting call attention to the joints.

A builder who used 150,000 block in 1918 in the construction of 78 workmen's dwellings for a government operation at Bath, Maine, sends an excellent testimonial from the government superintendent as to the character of the work, and says, "The block were laid in clear cement and sand mortar, without lime, with joints as near one-quarter inch as possible. Each unit was well bedded in mortar. The rougher side of the block was placed to the outside and the joints raked. This preparatory to an exterior plaster coat."

Another builder says, "While constructing foundations for 10 houses in a small industrial group at Sioux City, Iowa, a cloudburst was experienced which filled the excavation outside the foundation (the back fill had not been made) and the builder feared the collapse of the walls. On the contrary they were found to be perfectly dry on the inside when inspected one day later. While in this instance no waterproofing was used in the mortar, we will guarantee any foundation below grade to be absolutely dry if waterproofing is used in the mortar."

A successful builder in the Northwest says, "The block must be laid in portland cement mortar 1:2. All joints, of course, must be neatly struck or pointed on the outside and all vertical joints struck and clinched on the inside space of the block." From another, "The only trouble we ever experienced came from moisture passing thru vertical joints. That was before we learned to carefully and thoroly butter both ends of the block." Several builders agree that the block should be laid in portland cement and sand mortar no leaner than 1:3.

A successful builder of several hundred house foundations writes that, because of local water conditions, he makes a practice of laying the first two courses of block on the concrete footing, then immediately filling the block to make the filling in these courses monolithic with the footing and prevent the passage of any water between the footing and the first course of block, as shown in Fig. 1.

Use of Tile Draining

Experience has shown that in locations subject to even occasional surface ground water, provision should be made to relieve the water pressure. This is best accomplished by means of tile lines draining the water to a suitable outlet. This precaution is advisable regardless of what material the foundation is built, and is just as necessary to prevent water from forcing up or coming thru the basement floor as it is to relieve the pressure against the walls. In well drained or naturally dry locations the use

of the tile is unnecessary.

"The methods we have followed with success in the construction of several hundred building foundations, are about as follows," says a prominent midwest concrete contractor. "We thoroly drain the soil by placing a drain outside and below the footings, same to be connected to a suitable outlet. In some cases it is advisable to run drains under floors as well; in such cases cinder or crushed stone fill should be used under floors. The same kind of a fill should be used over outside foundation drains in many cases. Proper drainage will greatly increase the bearing value of soils."

Another builder who has just completed a group of 57 buildings in wet, clay soil, says: "We put a row of drain tile both on the inside and outside of the wall, along side the footing. If carried to a proper outlet these drains will remove all surface water and keep the wall absolutely dry." Another says: "It is customary in our city to lay a drain tile around the wall on the inside before the cellar floor is laid."

Most practical builders, as well as architects and engineers, prefer the method of placing the drain tile on the outside of the wall, approximately level with the footing and only a few inches from it; the tile is covered with several inches of cinders or gravel and the backfilling done in the usual way.

Exterior Covering

The subject of exterior treatment of concrete block foundation walls has been given a great deal of attention by the better builders and the conclusion generally reached that the necessity for treatment of this type of wall is about the same as for monolithic concrete walls. Where drainage is good, block impervious and well laid, there is no need for special surface treatment, altho under any conditions suitable treatment of the wall surface is a wise precaution and a relatively inexpensive one. On page 96 of the *AMERICAN BUILDER* for January, two optional methods of surface treatment were illustrated and described: (1) plastering of damp wall with 1:2 cement sand mortar and (2) painting of dry wall with hot tar or similar coatings.

A Detroit contractor of wide experience writes: "Concrete unit walls do not require any special treatment, any standard method of waterproofing—or damp-proofing—used on monolithic or masonry walls being equally applicable to foundation walls of concrete block. When these walls are built in soils which at times may become saturated by surface water, there is need for some reliable surface treatment of which the following have been found effective.

(a) Three-quarter inch coating of cement mortar or water-tight mixture.

(b) Bituminous coating such as tar or asphaltum, applied hot.

(c) Membrane coating of tarred felt or burlap applied with hot mastic, using one or more ply, according to conditions.

"The writer has successfully built or furnished units for building foundation walls for apartment buildings in Detroit, many of them in wet clay; Engleside clubhouse, Detroit, where the basement is 12 feet below grade; Knickerbocker Club, 16 feet below grade; Belle Isle Coliseum 18 feet deep; all withstanding hydrostatic heads. In the block plant of D. M. Terry, Rochester Mich., built on a hillside, the boiler pit was placed against a retaining wall 37 feet high under constant pressure as the hill was full of springs. A 2-inch well point was

placed horizontally thru the wall and an 8-pound flow of water was obtained. The wall is of concrete block plastered with cement mortar containing 6 per cent of waterproof paste."

A builder who has constructed many concrete block foundations for apartment buildings says: "We take only ordinary precautions in our concrete block foundations, such as we would take with the use of any other building material under similar conditions. In our own buildings it has not been necessary to coat the walls in any manner. (Some of the basements have portions as deep as 7 feet.) In low or marshy ground, however, such basements should receive exterior waterproofing treatment."

In a Michigan city, where all residence and other building foundations are provided with tiling to a suitable outlet, a block manufacturer who has supplied 75 per cent of the foundation material for dwellings and garages during the last five years says: "We have furnished block for thousands of residence foundations here, and it has been general practice not to treat the outer surface in any way. We cannot recall an instance where our block did not give entire satisfaction when laid in this way. A recently appointed

building inspector insists that foundations be plastered on the outside or given a coating of asphaltum. So far as our block are concerned, this seems to be a pure waste of time and material." (This manufacturer produces a very high quality block in wet mix molds.)

The engineer in charge of a large children's institution, using concrete block foundations in practically all buildings, writes: "We waterproof all block foundations below grade down to the footings. We use coal tar pitch for this purpose and apply it hot with a mop or old brush. We have also used coal tar dissolved with kerosene. That is not as safe as it may not be applied thick enough. All of our buildings have basements and all are absolutely dry, some of our dining rooms being located in these basements."

A Precaution Frequently Forgotten—Proper Backfilling

Unquestionably many builders sufficiently careful in other respects in their foundation work, neglect the very important consideration of backfill, a frequent

cause for damp basement walls. An experienced builder of cottage foundations says: "Special care must be taken, as soon as possible without crowding the walls, to carefully tamp the dirt in between the wall and the excavation. The finished grade must slope away from the foundation."

Another builder gives his experience with back-

fills as follows: "We regard the matter of backfill of utmost importance. To illustrate this, permit me to cite a case with which we were connected. The owner complained that after each rain moisture got into his cellar thru the foundation. We took some men out to the job and found that in excavating the dirt had been undercut, leaving a space 6 inches or more between wall and dirt bank at the bottom of the foundation with practically no space at all between the wall and dirt at the grade line.

"In backfilling the dirt had been tamped around the foundation but lumps had caught a foot or two below the surface so that there was no dirt against the wall at the bottom. After digging down by the use of a hose we were able to fill a yard of dirt into this space. After thoro puddling and compacting there was no further seepage into this cellar, even during the heaviest rains."



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Comparative Compression and Absorption Tests on Concrete Block

LOCATION	Aggregate	Compressive lbs. per gross area	Strength in sq. in. net area	Per cent absorption of water in 48 hours
Cleveland, Ohio..	Sand and Pebbles	2050 lbs.	3000 lbs.	4. 2% (Block)
Beloit, Wis.....	" " "	1750 "	2650 "	5. 2% (Block)
Madison, Wis.....	" " "	3200 "	4650 "	5. 36% (Block)
Cleveland, Ohio..	" " "	2710 "	4050 "	5. 36% (Block)
Springfield, Mass.	" " "	2120 "	3380 "	6. 0% (Block)
South Bend, Ind..	" " "	1867 "	2900 "	..... (Block)
Chicago, Ill.....	" " "	.....	2738 "	3. 3% (Block)
		.....	3000 "	3. 88% (Block)
		.....	3103 "	3. 75% (Block)
		.....	3470 "	5. 9% (Block)
		830 "	1750 "	6. 1% (Tile)
		820 "	1720 "	7. 4% (Tile)
		1220 "	2300 "	6. 2% (Tile)



Planning Home Comforts

PROVISION FOR AMPLE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS SHOULD BE MADE WHEN HOUSE IS PLANNED

By Grace T. Hadley

Society for Electrical Development

AN ELECTRICALLY equipped home means less drudgery for the homemaker and more comfort for the entire family, but comfort which can only be enjoyed in a home that is properly wired for electricity. The arithmetic of electricity is simple. It adds leisure hours to the day, subtracts worry and hard work, multiplies home comforts and divides the work with pleasure. However, such pleasure depends largely upon the flexibility of the wiring system in the home.

When the wiring is being installed is the right time to make sure that one has sufficient outlets for the various uses to which electricity is to be put for the comfort, convenience and decoration of the household. Plenty of the right kind of outlets, even if they are not to be made use of at the time of turning on the current, will provide for possible use of new appliances which may be found necessary before many months have passed.

It is indeed wearisome to climb onto a chair and unscrew a lamp every time there is need to operate an appliance. There should be facilities for the operation of appliances independent of the lighting system. It is also inconvenient to have to move the divan or other piece of furniture in order to find an outlet,

then it is indeed disappointing if the plug on the appliance does not fit the outlet. Some thought and attention right in the beginning will save many unpleasant experiences later on.

One of the best conveniences in the kitchen or laundry is the bull's-eye wall switch. With it, one does not have to lean down to a baseboard outlet or reach up to a lighting fixture to make connection, but with such an outlet at convenient height, one stands at ease, and when the plug is pushed in, a red bull's-eye lights up, showing that current is on. When the work has been done, it serves as a warning to disconnect the appliance, not to leave it forgetting to turn off the current.

Like all good servants, electricity can turn its energy to anything. In the kitchen for cookery and supplying hot water for domestic use by the circulation water heater; in the pantry for keeping meats and plates warm in the portable warmer or the built-in hot closet; in the dining room or the breakfast room for the electric grill, percolator, toaster or chafing dish. The ease and rapidity with which a light repast or even a complete breakfast and luncheon may be prepared is one of the advantages of the electrically equipped dining room. If there is no maid, or on Sunday night the maid is out, all kitchen work may be eliminated and the simpler cookery processes removed to the dining room table.

In the bathroom, bed or dressing room, the water cup for the morning shave, the curling iron heater or vibrator; again in the bedroom the heat pad for extra warmth and comfort in case of illness; in the sewing room, the electric iron for pressing frills, gowns, baby dresses, and the portable electric sewing machine or sew motor that may be attached to any sewing machine;



Without Electricity The Home Is Not Complete. That Is Why Builders Are Studying Equipment That Will Add Joy to the Home and "Kiddies." When Planning a House Don't Forget the Wiring and Outlets. They Determine the Limits of Future Comfort.

in the laundry the electric washer for the real cleansing of clothes and the six-pound iron for ironing them smoothly, in fact in every phase of housework, electricity can do it silently and efficiently. As has been pointed out by household specialists, household appliances should be chosen because they fill a real need, are well made, are easy to keep clean, are proper material for purpose intended, are graceful or good looking in appearance.

In a modern six-room, one family house, a simple basic installation of wiring might cost \$250, not including the fixtures, but prices of material and labor fluctuate so much that it is hardly possible to state a cost applicable to all communities. The number of outlets would be thirty-one, distributed as follows:

Living room—3 lights, 1 convenient outlet, total.....	4
Dining room—2 side lights, 1 center, 1 outlet, total....	4
Bedrooms (3)—2 lights, 1 outlet.....	9
Halls—2 lights	2
Attic (storerooms)—2 lights.....	2
Pantry—1 lights, 1 outlet.....	2
Porch—1 light	1
Bath—1 light, 1 outlet.....	2
Cellar—2 lights	2
Comb. kitchen-laundry—2 lights, 1 outlet.....	3

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A tentative, quite conjectural working schedule in such a home might run something like this:

7 A. M. Mrs. Wise arises, presses a button and floods her bedroom with cheerful light. Passing into the bathroom, the fresh, cold water and electric vibrator rejuvenate her countenance. In 15 minutes she is dressed, and after airing the bedroom she descends to the dining room.

7:30. The small table in breakfast alcove is equipped



An Electrical Kitchen. No Danger of Fire Here, Even Tho the Children Insist on Playing with the Mysterious Switches and Buttons. Clean, Sanitary, Compact Kitchens Are the Result of Many Electrical Conveniences, Which Take Up Only a Minimum of Space.



She Looks as if She Might Be Serving Tea. Washday No Longer Is an Ordeal if Provided for When the Home Is Planned. Laundry Equipment Is an Important Item in the Contractors' Category.

for table cookery. A turn of the switch and the grill is at work with bacon sizzling in lower pan and bread toasting on top. From the refrigerator she brings fruit, cream, butter and eggs. Coffee is made. The family sit down to a hot meal. The required things are at hand so there is no running back and forth to the kitchen.

8:00. The dishes are quickly gathered, wiped off with a paper napkin, piled on a wheeled serving table and then easily pushed to the pantry to be cleansed.

8:30. The beds are made. The electric cleaner is then brought forth from a handy closet and is run over the rugs. It searches deep for the dirt. Dusting is not the hard task it used to be when the old cleaning tools were used, "dust-scatterers" expresses what they were when the broom first disturbed the dust, then a dust cloth chased it from the places it settled into the atmosphere.

9:30. The hard work done! Now there is time for the daily mail, correspondence and the beloved women's magazine, just arrived with its wealth of helpful hints, its many suggestions for lifting the home to a high new level of comfort, convenience and efficiency.



IF old paint does not adhere well, scrape the surface with a stiff wire brush to remove all scale, then dust with a stiff brush.

Spots from which much of the old paint is scraped should be touched up with a thin coat of paint, reduced with turpentine.

After this has dried, the surface is ready for the first coat of new paint.



ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL OF COLONIAL DOORWAY. One of the most charming parts of a Colonial home is the quaint, dignified doorway which combines hospitality and beauty in its design. In this detail the door, fitted with the old-fashioned knocker and door handle, is flanked by two artistic panels and surmounted by a small balcony with ornamental iron railing. The balcony is supported by round and rectangular columns which rest on the small landing of brick. The few steps making up the approach are also brick. As the doorway is one of the important details in this type of home, it is important that the builder know its pertinent features. Colonial homes are increasing in popularity despite the fact that this design is one of the oldest in use.

Growing Popularity of Painted Walls and Ceilings

ANOTHER INTERESTING ARTICLE OF AN INSTRUCTIVE SERIES—FLAT PAINT USED EXTENSIVELY IN HOMES

By C. M. Lemperly

WE have no purpose in this article to make unfair comparisons of various methods of wall and ceiling decoration. Each method has its place. There is no question but wallpaper will always have its vogue, altho in recent years the popularity of painted walls and ceilings has increased to an extent which warrants further examination into the merits of the so-called flat or semi-gloss paint.

This popularity has extended into some of the finest homes, as well as the humblest cottages. It was formerly thought that painted walls and ceilings were only for office buildings, churches, hospitals, stores, and mills, warehouses and such places. But it is logical to assume that the same sanitary properties that make painted walls good for hospitals should be recognized in the treatment of walls and ceilings for the home. And, it is also logical to assume that the same soft light reflections are beneficial to the eyes in the home as to the eyes in the hospital or office building.

There is a range of soft tints available and light reflection tests made by some of the leading electric lamp manufacturers show that a careful color selection of the wall and ceiling paint will have a great deal to do with the light diffusion from the natural daylight, and particularly from the artificial light used in the home.

There is quite a wide use of so-called cold water paints on the calcimine base. These are very attractive and serve a certain purpose. They cannot be compared in durability, strength of tone, washability or permanence with many of the high grade flat oil paints on the market.

A gallon of a high grade prepared flat paint should cover approximately 275 to 300 square feet, two coats, depending on the condition of the surface. When used over smooth plastered walls, one gallon should cover between 350 and 400 square feet, two coats.

In selecting the paint it is well for the consumer or painter to have the dealer stir it thoroly and spread out a small quantity on a test board. The material should be brushed out and careful attention should be given to the flowing and leveling properties, the whiteness—if white is desired—and the fineness of grinding. It is possible that the material might show poor grinding, lack of covering capacity and poor brushing qualities. Also, it might not be washable. To show the washing qualities, take a small piece of wallboard or similar material. When the paint has been properly applied and dried, spatter fountain pen ink on the board, make lead pencil marks, and put it to other tests. If the paint is right you should be able to wash the board clean with water and ordinary soap or linseed oil soap.

To demonstrate to your satisfaction the wearing qualities, dip small glass panels into the liquid taken from the top of the can and allow them to dry. When hard, you can determine the elasticity by the character of the film left on the glass. If the proper quality flat oil paint is obtained, it should compare very favorably in price with wallpaper or calcimined tints. As a matter of fact, it has a shade of advantage in economy over a period of years, altho the first cost may be a "toss-up."

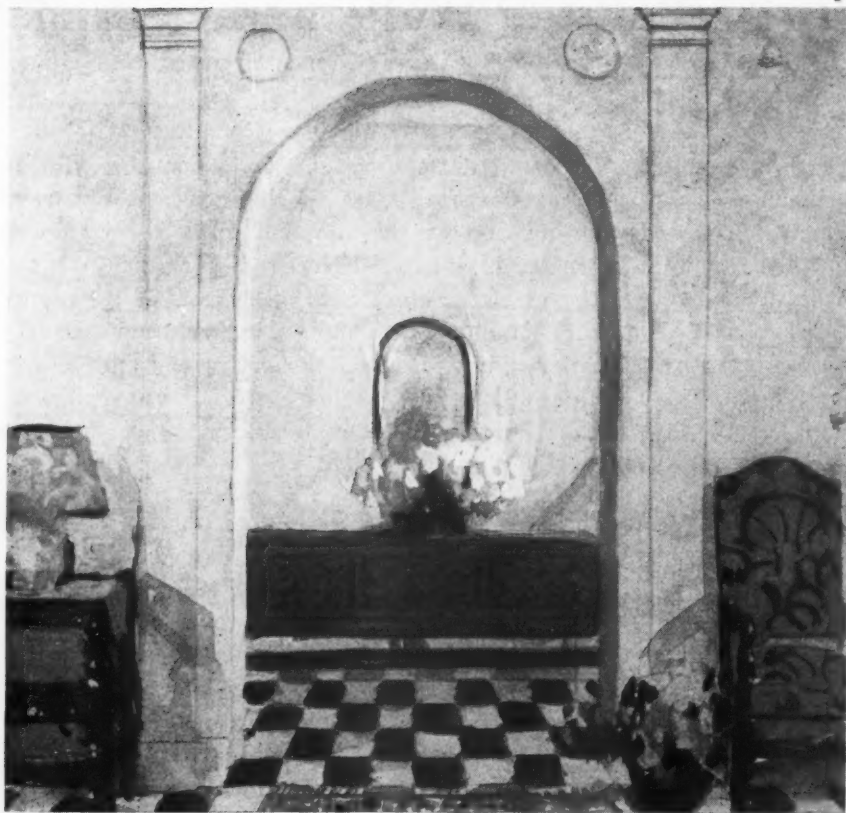
Flat paints can be applied by the painter or property



Painted Walls Have Become Quite Popular in All Types of Homes, Public Buildings, Stores and Hospitals. Many Soft Tints Are Available and the Paint Kept Clean Very Easily. One Gallon of Good Flat Paint Should Cover 300 Square Feet, Two Coats.

owner. Formerly the painter was obliged to prepare his own mixtures for interior work, principally white lead and oil and spirits of turpentine. While many painters continue this practice, there has been a development in recent years along the lines of prepared flat oil paints which are manufactured and trade-marked by well-known manufacturing firms, so there is little possibility of going wrong and there is the added advantage of the convenience of buying and the convenience of the material being all prepared in neat packages. The prepared goods, as a rule, have an advantage in spreading power and cost per square yard.

The chief superiority of walls and ceilings treated with flat paint lies in their sanitary properties and greater durability. Walls and ceilings properly prepared with flat paints should be thoroly washable



Restful Interiors Determine in Large Measure the Charm of a Home. Only by the Careful Selection of the Proper Wall and Interior Paints Can This Restful Impression Be Gained. Read the Article Here for Excellent Suggestions on Handling This Work.

and waterproof. There are endless color effects possible. The paint may be applied as it comes from the package, or, if desired, the treatment may be elaborated and varied to produce an endless range of effects.

Flat paints can be applied with equal effectiveness to plaster, wall board, metal, brick, wood or Keene's cement. These flat paints are usually obtainable in from 16 to 20 attractive colors, and a range of colors just double this number can be obtained, if desired, by mixing the different shades in equal proportions.

It is very necessary in finishing porous wall or ceiling surfaces to see that the first or priming coat thoroughly seals the pores and stops the suction. Unless the sizing coat is absolutely right good results cannot be obtained from subsequent coats as the color is apt to strike-in in certain places, and cause a spotty appearance.

There are mixing sizes on the market which, if used according to directions, will thoroughly seal the surface. New plastered walls should be allowed to stand at least two months before painting to permit thorough evaporation of the moisture within. It is highly important that the surface be thoroughly dry before painting.

The second coat should usually be applied as it comes from the can. The same applies to the third coat.

In certain cases thinning may be necessary in which case pure spirits of turpentine is recommended.

In applying paint the first coat should be applied generously. At least twenty-four hours should be al-

lowed between coats for hardening and drying. With the darker colors, one coat in addition to the sealing coat will usually cover and give good results. With the lighter colors, two coats in addition to the sealing coat are generally required.

When applying the paint on new work over sized muslin, and such surfaces, apply the paint in the desired color same as above, omitting the first sizing or sealing coat.

Surfaces which have been previously painted with a flat wall paint can be repainted without sizing or sealing. See that the surface is firm, smooth and free from all loose paint.

It is possible to paint over surfaces that have been previously wallpapered. This can be done by thoroughly saturating the paper with warm water or warm wallpaper paste applied with a cloth or sponge. Scrape the paper with a putty knife and after the wall has become thoroughly dry apply the paint as before mentioned, including the sizing or sealing coat.

It is exceedingly important that flat paints like all other paints should be thoroughly stirred. It is recommended, in order to make sure of proper stirring,



Painted Walls Are Easily Cleaned and for That Reason Sanitary. This Housewife Finds Little Trouble Cleaning Off the Wall and Giving It a Brand New Appearance. The Economy of This Arrangement Is Evident.

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that you do not simply use a stick but that the liquid be poured off the top into another can. Then stir with a stick or paddle the pigment remaining in the first can, and gradually pour back the liquid stirring constantly as you pour. In this way you will absolutely avoid particles or specks which may appear in paints of this kind, if not properly stirred.

The surface should be in proper condition before painting and free from dirt, grease and moisture. Each coat should be allowed to dry thoroly before applying the succeeding coat.

Some unusual decorative treatments are possible in the use of wall paints by the use of glaze colors and so-called system effects. These are blended, glazed and stippled after the undercoats have been applied, the same as previously outlined. Glaze and stencil colors are on the market for this purpose and are intended chiefly for producing a non-gloss over-glaze on surfaces treated with flat oil-paint.

Full details on various effects of this kind can be obtained from the manufacturers or painters. Many of the effects possible thru the glazing and stippling system are endorsed and recommended by the leading architects and decorators, and in fact are almost unbelievable—so rich is their tone and so unusual their appearance. They resemble the finest wallpapers, and in some cases offer a range of decorative possibilities unequaled by the average wallpaper selections.



Question—I have some pine woodwork which was stained and waxed about fifteen years ago. The stain is badly faded and I wish to know if the wax can be removed and the woodwork re-stained. Will acid remove ink stains from wood?—W. E. W.

Answer—Remove the wax by scrubbing with turpentine. Allow the woodwork to dry thoroly and you will then be able to restain it. I believe you will find a penetrating wood stain or an oil stain better for this purpose than a water stain.

Apply a thin coat of white shellac for a sealer, followed by two coats of good interior varnish for a full varnish finish, or one coat of a velvet varnish for a dull rubbed effect.

Oxalic acid will probably remove the ink stains unless they are caused by a carbon ink.

Question—I want to know how to mix white lead and linseed oil and other ingredients, if any, to make a paint for outside use on buildings as houses and barns.—V. B.

Answer—The best grade of white lead will usually take $4\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of raw linseed oil to 100 pounds of white lead. To this should be added $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon turpentine and one quart Japan drier.

Such a paint will cover on the average of 240 sq. ft., two coats per gallon.

Question—I have a five-room frame bungalow and would like to know how much material is required of each, oil, turpentine and white lead.



Contractors and Builders Are Frequently Confronted with Painting Problems That Can Be Solved by Writing to the Author of This Instructive Series of Articles on Painting and Decorating. This Advice Is Given Free and Promptly.

The measurements of the entire building are two thousand one hundred and twenty-five square feet (2,125 sq. ft.).—W. F. P.

Answer—The best formula for lead and oil paints is as follows:

100 lbs pure white lead.

$4\frac{1}{2}$ gallons raw linseed oil.

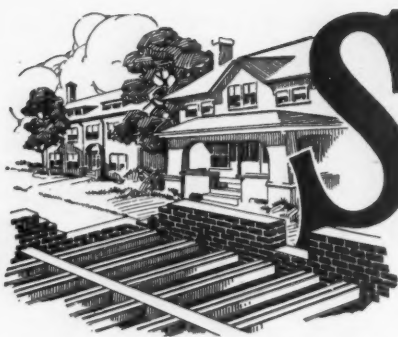
$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon turpentine.

1 qt. Japan drier.

This will cover approximately 240 sq. ft. per gallon. Your building containing 2,125 sq. ft. will therefore require approximately 9 gallons. There is a difference of course, in the quality of white leads, but a good white lead will take about $4\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of oil to 100 lbs. of lead.

Question—Can wicker furniture be enameled?—F. P. R.

Answer—Apply two coats of ivory enamel, brushing the enamel well into the crevices. When this is dry, apply a coat of tan wall paint or oil color raw sienna, scrubbing it well into the cracks. Before the paint has a chance to set, wipe off carefully with a soft cloth, leaving the brown only in those places where the cloth does not reach readily. This will produce a very pleasing Antique Ivory, which will be very serviceable.



STEEL LUMBER Construction

Important Rules for Floor Joist Construction

ARTICLE 3 OF STEEL LUMBER SERIES EXPLAINS SIZES, SPACING AND CENTERING OF JOISTS IN DWELLINGS AND SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

By Gilbert Canterbury

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the third article of a series on the use of steel lumber in modern construction. Readers are invited to ask questions pertaining to this subject. Answers to all inquiries of general interest will appear each month in this department. Write in your problems now.

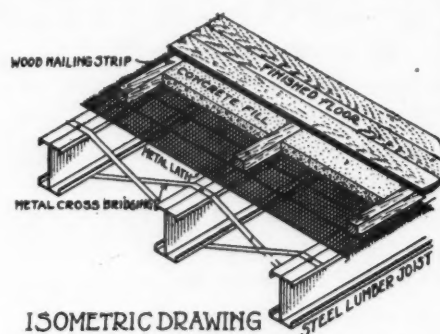
VERY simple rules of practice apply to the building with steel lumber of fire-safe first floors for dwellings. Contractors everywhere who have employed this type of construction report that it is just as simple as wood joist floor building and, in fact, very similar.

Steel lumber joists vary in depth from four inches to twelve inches but for dwelling floor construction the six-inch joist is most frequently used. In using this joist, spans should be confined to twelve to fourteen feet. As a broad general rule, it can be figured that the depth of a steel lumber joist should measure in inches one-half the span in feet. Thus a six-inch steel joist is required for a twelve-foot span; a seven-inch joist for a fourteen-foot span, etc. Because of the positive strength of the steel joist and a large factor of safety, considerable latitude is permissible with these figures in dwelling construction.

The foregoing rule for depth of joist for given

span is based on spacing the joists twenty-four inches on centers. This spacing, it will be seen is approxi-

mately twice as broad as the spacing for wood joists. In other words only about half as many linear feet of steel joists are required as would be required of wood joists. As in wood joists construction it

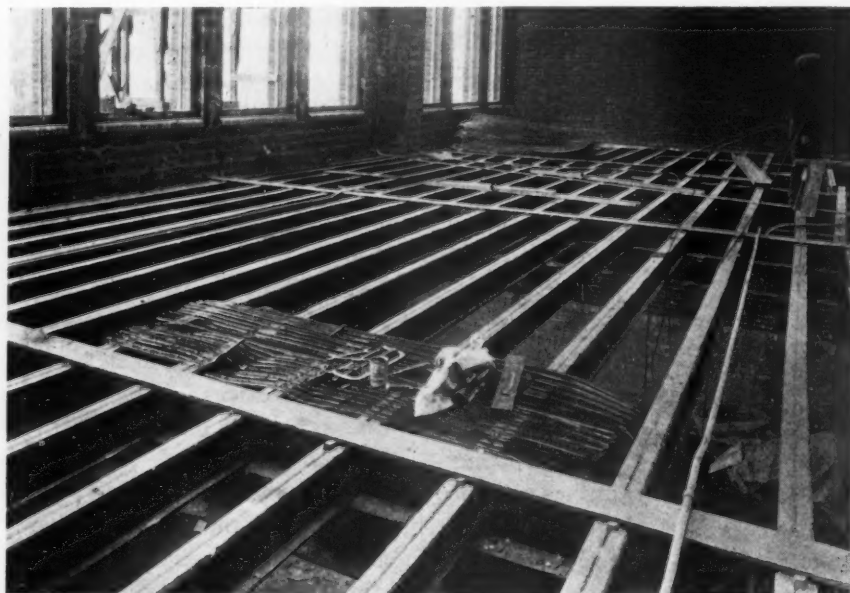


ISOMETRIC DRAWING
Showing steel lumber floor construction.

Sketch Showing How Concrete Base and Finished Wood Floor Are Applied Over Metal Lumber Joists.

frequently is economical to break up some long spans in dwelling floor construction by the use of timber or multiple-joist beams, so in fire-safe first floor construction with steel lumber joists it frequently is economical to break up spans by the use of one or two structural steel I-beams. Generally speaking, the greatest economy will be achieved by holding the spans sufficiently short to permit use of the six-inch joist section. This economy will be maintained even tho it be necessary to set one or two structural steel I-beams.

Any good expanded metal lath of not less than 24 or 25 gauge will serve as centering and reinforcement for the thin concrete slab to be spread across the steel joists. A ribbed lath, however, generally proves more satisfactory being more rigid. This lath may be fastened to the joists either by nailing right into the web of the joist or by attaching spring steel clips that reach thru the mesh of the lath and snap onto the secondary flanges of the joists. These clips will generally be furnished with the joists.



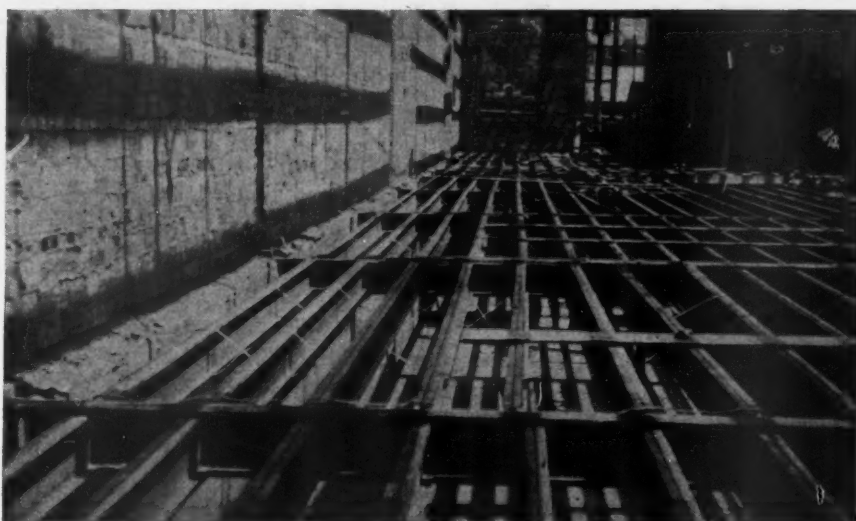
Cynwyd Public School Near Philadelphia, Showing Steel Joists in Place Ready for Attracting Lath and Applying Concrete Slabs Savery & Schertz, Architects; Bowden Construction Company, Contractors.

Nailing screeds for the floor finish are always run lengthwise with the joists and are always nailed to the joists. No wood sub-floor is necessary. The concrete slab, however, should be given time to dry thoroly before the wood floor finish is placed.

Steel lumber joists, of course, are never "fire beveled" since they cannot burn. In fact no sawing or trimming is necessary on the job. Steel lumber joists are distributed thru structural steel companies and dealers equipped to furnish the joists cut to exact length. Even for framing around openings, these will be shown on the layout sketches that any steel lumber dealer will furnish and the sections required will be cut to the proper length. Occasionally a cold quarter-inch rivet or small stove bolt will be required to fasten a framing joint, but this occurs very infrequently.

Public School Construction

The shortage of public school buildings developed right along with the shortage of dwellings. In nearly every school district new buildings are needed badly. Indications of the first two months of the year seem to point to great activity in school building for the spring and summer. Hundreds of these new school buildings have been designed for steel lumber floors, architects having turned to this material because of its economical achievement of fire safety and because of its splendid record in school construction during the last ten years.



Store Building Showing Method of Breaking Up Joist Spans by Use of Structural Steel Beams.

The school board of a city in Indiana recently brought out for bids one high school and one grade school as the first two buildings of a program for five buildings this spring. The designs of all these schools called for tile and concrete floors. The bids on the high school and the one grade school were rejected because they cost more than the board had money in fund. Tentative bids were secured on steel lumber construction and now all the schools are being re-designed for steel lumber floors. The saving will aggregate something like \$30,000 and quicker erection will be achieved. Similar stories have come out in regard to other cities and school districts. So many new buildings are needed that school boards are being hard pressed to provide funds for them. Fire-safe construction is imperative and yet every possible economy must be effected.

In this connection, architects and contractors are sometimes prevented from all possible economies in floor construction because of an insistence on the part of school boards for uniformly flat ceilings. The average class room calls for a joist span of from 20 to 24 feet. The eleven-inch or the twelve-inch joist will be required for this. Sometimes it is possible to achieve greater economy by breaking the span with a structural steel beam and cutting it down to eleven or twelve feet so smaller joists can be used. This economy would depend, of course, upon design of the building. The school boards frequently object to this practice for the reason that the protruding beam mars the beauty of the ceiling. The structural correctness is unquestioned. It is purely a matter of looks.



Troweling Concrete Slab in Steel Lumber Flat Roof Construction.

Hollow Building Tile Is Starred in Movie

INTERESTING FILM SHOWS METHOD OF MANUFACTURE AND INSULATION AGAINST HEAT AND COLD

By J. S. Sleeper

AS MOVIE scenario material hollow building tile might seem a cold proposition, yet a film has just been produced which scored the applause of motion picture trade magazine critics.

"Take unromantic tile and put human interest into it—give us a picture which will tell the part tile is playing in the romance of the twentieth century," was the Hollow Building Tile Association's instructions to a Chicago industrial film company.

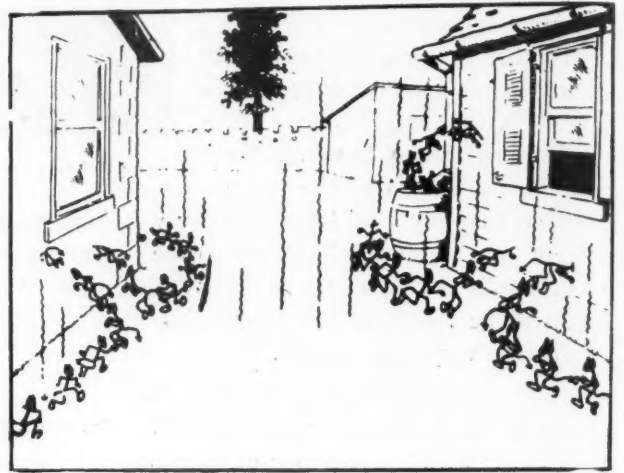
The result is a two-reel picture which, in thirty-two minutes, tells hollow building tile's story.

This picture has a busy career ahead of it. First it will make the rounds of association members. Next a tour of chambers of commerce, Rotary clubs, etc. Needless to say, it will be among those present at various builders' conventions. With one of the suitcase projection machines, the film can be shown any place where connection can be made with an electric light socket, and the picture will be exhibited before Y. M. C. A.'s, high school classes, at farmers' grange meetings. Eventually it may be booked over a circuit of "regular" movie theaters.

The first scene of the picture is Prizma photography which shows hollow building tile in natural colors. Then the film takes up the manufacture of hollow tile. Panorama views of typical plants are shown. The clay is removed from nature's treasure chest. The raw material is ground, mixed and finally comes out of the die shaped. It is cut into length, conveyed to the drying room and then burned in the kiln. There are several excellent close-up views of the fire burn-

ing the tile. At this point subtitles emphasize the fire-proof qualities, explaining that tile is burned at a heat that would melt iron.

After the audience has seen tile manufactured there comes an animated drawing, or film cartoon, which puts over the insulation properties of hollow tile.

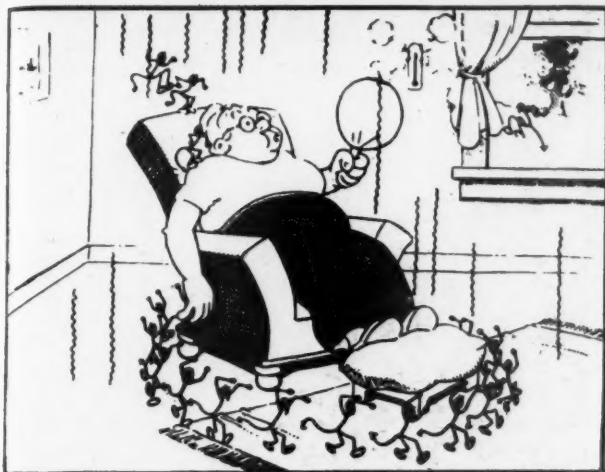


First Scene in Animated Film, Illustrating the Uses of Hollow Building Tile. Here the "Heat Devils" Are Scrambling Into Two Houses, One of Which Is Hollow Tile.

First the animation drives home the fact that the air spaces in hollow building tile are non-conductors of heat in summer. In the cartoon a hollow tile house and an ordinary house are in the foreground. Up in the sky old Sol frowns menacingly and blows his breath at the two houses. His breath at first seems to be a cloud traveling toward earth. As the cloud comes close the audience sees that it is made up of a myriad of little figures—"heat devils," armed with forked spears and adorned with forked tails. The "heat devils" dive thru the walls of both houses and disappear. A scene inside the ordinary house reveals the "heat devils" in a victory dance around a sweltering housewife. A scene inside the hollow building tile home shows the housewife perfectly comfortable and nary a "heat devil" in sight. To tell the audience what became of all the "heat devils" which were seen to dive thru the hollow tile outer wall, there flashed upon the screen a cross section of a tile wall. The "heat devils" dive thru the outer wall all right, but



Scene from Tile Film Showing How Hollow Tile Keeps Cold Out in Winter. There Are No Draughts to Endanger the "Kiddies" Who Are Playing on the Floor Around the Xmas Tree.



Inside the Ordinary Home the Little "Heat Devils" Are Dancing the Dance of Triumph Much to the Discomfiture of the Lady of the House, But—



Here It Is Different. This Housewife Is Perfectly Comfortable Despite the Heat Waves of Old Sol. Scenes from the Hollow Tile Moving Picture.

when they encounter the air spaces they disappear in puffs of smoke. Animated thermometers register the result— 106 outside, 72 inside.

Then the animated scene changes to winter and Jack Frost blows a cloud of "chilly children" toward the two houses. Similarly as in the summer scenes, the audience is impressed with the fact that tile air spaces from an insulation barrier which the cold of winter cannot penetrate.

Next comes glimpses of typical homes built of hollow tile, showing a wide variety of external appearance.

A living room set was built in the moving picture studio for the scene that follows the residence views. Two cute pajama-clad kiddies tiptoe into the living room on Christmas morning. They rush for the toys on the glittering tree. Here subtitles make note of two facts: First, that hollow tile walls have no cracks or crevices to let in draughts and there is no danger of the children catching cold by playing on the floor.

Abruptly the kiddies drop their toys and run to the window. They have heard the approaching fire apparatus. Across the street they see an ordinary house in flames.

"All their Christmas presents will be burned, too" says the little girl.

The little boy speaks. "Aren't you glad we live in a hollow tile house which can't burn?"

Then comes a wide range of hollow tile buildings—skyscrapers, factories, apartments and farm buildings. The picture closes with Prizna natural color views of farm buildings on the estate of the late Jacob Schiff.

Idaho College Offers Correspondence Course in Lumber

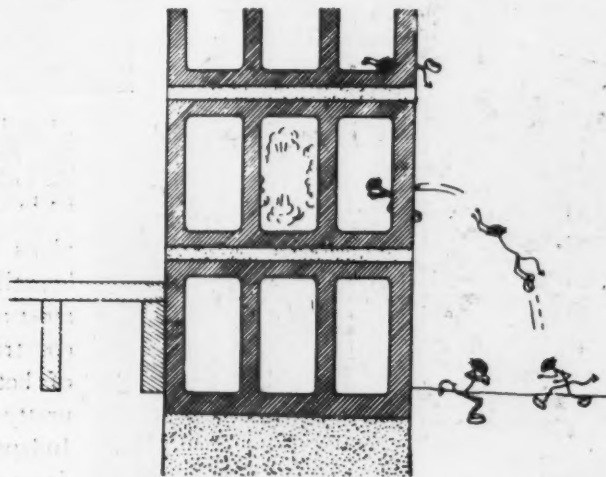
THE School of Forestry of the University of Idaho at Moscow offers a correspondence course in "Lumber and Its Uses." That the course is meeting a real need is attested by the large number of students registered for it since it was first announced about three year ago. Some thirty different states are represented in the enrollment.

The course is designed to be of special value to lumber dealers, lumber salesmen, contractors or builders, carpenters, manual training teachers, and others connected with the wood working industries. The fee is a nominal one and includes the text book and all reference material.

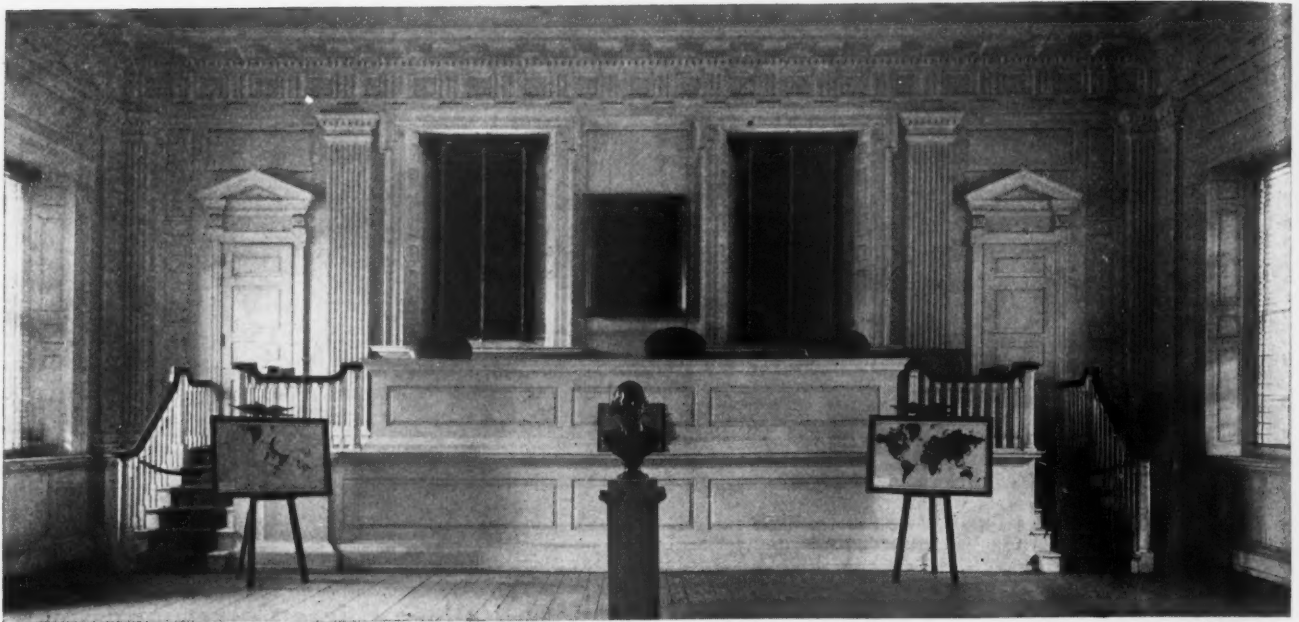


Home Sweet Home

THIS is the sentiment that strikes a responsive chord in the heart of every individual, barbarian or super-civilized. Every father should strive to own his own home to insure that future safety and comfort of his wife and family. As a builder it is up to you to give him ideas on what kind of homes are desirable. Pictures are the greatest and most vivid storytellers in the world. That is why the AMERICAN BUILDER is putting your message in picture, in a large special Art Insert in colors showing a Street of Beautiful Homes. Number One on this street, a beautiful Colonial home appears in this issue. It will be well worth your while studying it and putting away in your files for future reference.



The Air Spaces in Hollow Tile Form an Insulation Barrier Which the "Heat Devils" Cannot Penetrate. In the Film When the "Heat Devils" Encounter These Air Spaces They Disappear Into Little Puffs of Smoke.



Room on First Floor of Independence Hall, Where the U. S. Supreme Court Sat for the First Time. The Small Stairways on Either Side Lead to the Judges' Chambers.

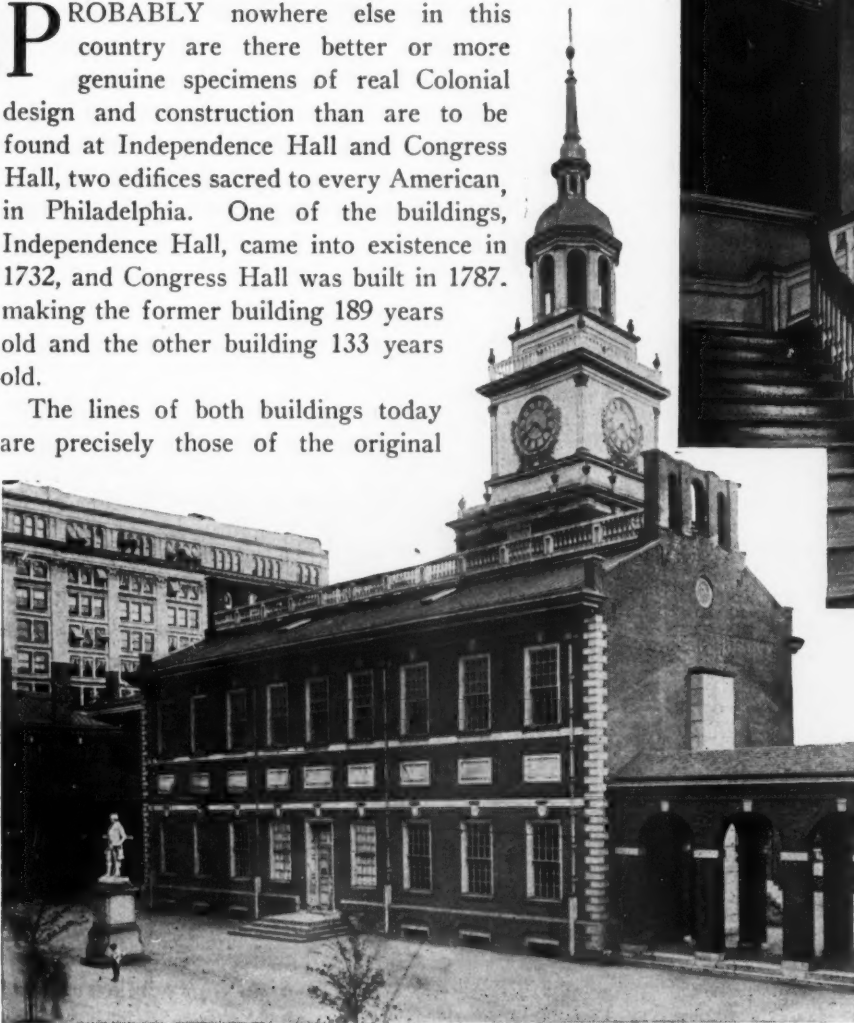
Some Colonial Features of Historic Structures

INDEPENDENCE AND CONGRESS HALLS OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS HAVE GENUINE SPECIMENS OF REAL COLONIAL DESIGN UNEXCELLED IN COUNTRY TODAY

By John F. McClarren

PROBABLY nowhere else in this country are there better or more genuine specimens of real Colonial design and construction than are to be found at Independence Hall and Congress Hall, two edifices sacred to every American, in Philadelphia. One of the buildings, Independence Hall, came into existence in 1732, and Congress Hall was built in 1787, making the former building 189 years old and the other building 133 years old.

The lines of both buildings today are precisely those of the original



Independence Hall Just as It Was Constructed in 1732. One Hundred Eighty-nine Years Old, It Contains Many Valuable Ideas in Colonial Design for Modern Builders.

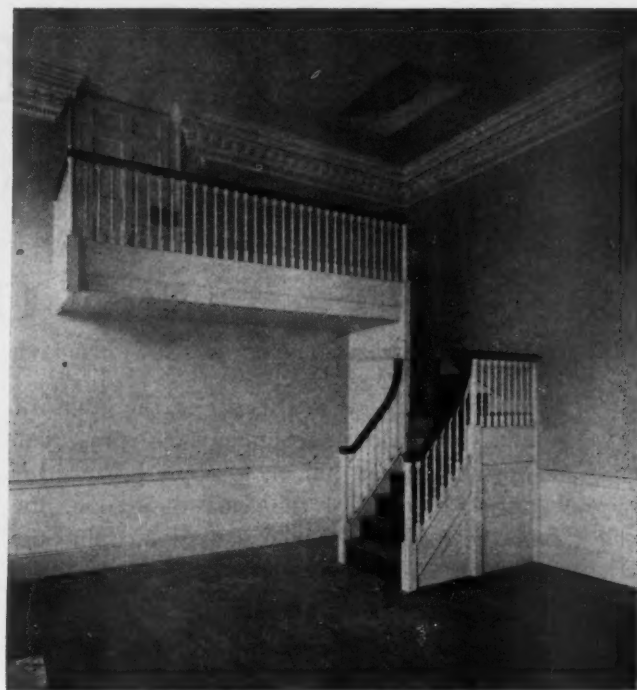


Grand Stairway in Independence Hall Leading to the Second Floor from the Lobby. The Small Stairway on Extreme Right Leads to the Famous Belfry Where Hang the Liberty Bell. Colonial Architecture at Its Best.

plans and while they are most beautiful from the exterior the most attractive Colonial design and construction are to be found inside of both places. An exceptionally pretty and well designed corner in Independence Hall is the lobby from which extends a real Colonial stairway, with its wide hardwood steps, flanked on the wall side by



In the Vestibule of Congress Hall, Showing Stairway Leading to Old Senate Chamber. Note the Old-Fashioned Hinges, Locks, and Bolts. This View Is Considered One of the best Specimens of Colonial Design in America Today.



Quaint Colonial Stairway Leading to Senate Chamber in Congress Hall. Many Beautiful Homes Being Erected Today Are Fitted with Stairways of This Design.

panels and on the opposite side by a balustrade. This stairway which eventually leads to the belfry where once hung the famous Liberty Bell also leads to a large room at the entrance of which is a doorway of exceptional Colonial design. This doorway, in beauty and design, is possibly exceeded by the specimens of Colonial constructive thought found in what is known as the Declaration Room, the room where the Declaration of Independence was signed. Here the windows, doorways and pillars as well as the ceiling and chandelier afford a study in Colonial design which architects consider superior to anything along similar lines in this country.

In Congress Hall, just inside the entrance, some wonderful specimens of Colonial doorways, windows and stairway are to be seen. The great double doors, leading to the chamber where the U. S. Senate once sat, with their great long hinges, bolt and locks, are considered especially attractive. These doorways and stairways have been the basis of study of many architects of not only this but of foreign countries and are considered as unsurpassed in design. Except as to renewal of the paint the design of none of these architectural features in this grand old building or Independence Hall have been changed to the slightest degree.



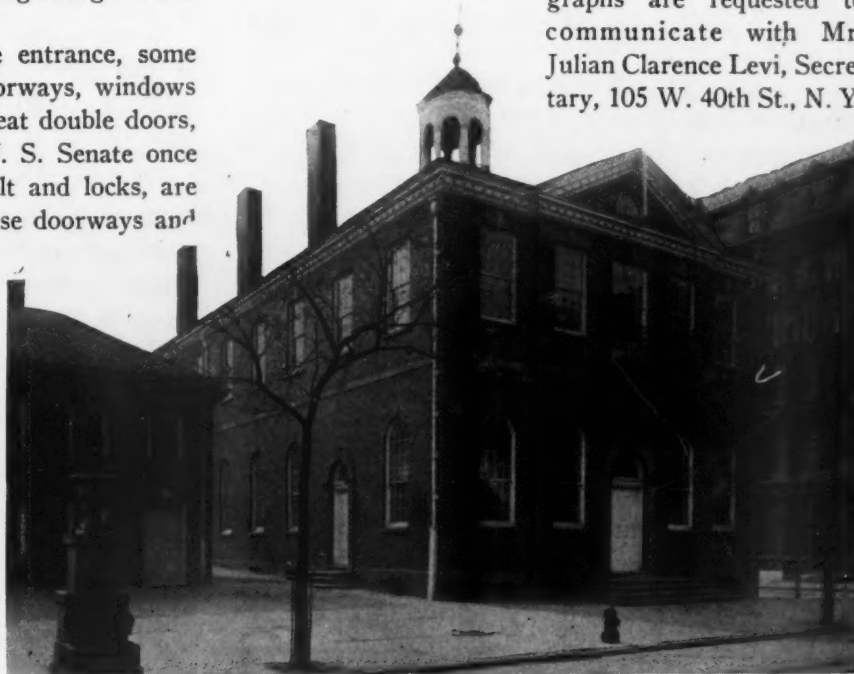
Architects to Exhibit in Paris

BY invitation of the Societe des Artistes Francais, of which M. Laloux is President and in col-

laboration with the French Department of Fine Arts, there will be held an exhibition of American Architecture in the Salon des Artistes Francais in Paris, opening on May 1st and lasting for about two months.

The exhibition, which has been arranged thru the offices of M. Maurice Casenave, Director General of French Service in the United States, is being prepared under the direction of the Committee on Foreign Building Co-operation of the American Institute of Architects.

Architects desiring to exhibit drawings or photographs are requested to communicate with Mr. Julian Clarence Levi, Secretary, 105 W. 40th St., N. Y.



Congress Hall as It Stands After a Century and Half. Note the Characteristic Colonial Windows of Small Panes and Doorways. These Two Buildings Are Eloquent Testimonials of the Character of Work Done by Builders During the Early Days of the Colonies.

DESIGN of SAFE CONSTRUCTION

By Charles W. Leigh,

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Steel Columns

ARTICLE FIFTEEN OF AN EXTENSIVE SERIES OF STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

IN the February article of this series, the Winslow Formula for wooden columns was presented. This formula is not difficult to apply because the only quantities used were the least dimension, the length and the area of the cross-section. But the straight line formulas for steel and cast iron columns require the use of a standard handbook. For instance, the American Bridge Formula is:

$$\frac{P}{A} = 16,000 - 70 \frac{l}{r} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

where P is the safe load that the column will carry, A the area of cross-section, l the length of the columns in inches and r is the least radius of gyration.

Now, the radius of gyration of the cross-section of any beam or column is found by dividing the moment of inertia I of the cross-section by the area and extracting the square root of the quotient. If we represent the radius of gyration by r , then we may write the formula:

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}}$$

Suppose, for example, that the cross-section of a rectangular beam is 6 by 8 inches, as in Fig. 1. Now, in previous articles it has been shown that I for a rectangle about the gravity or neutral axis AB is

$$I = 1/12 bh^3$$

But $b = 6$ and $h = 8$. Therefore

$$I = 1/12 \times 6 \times 8 \times 8 \times 8 = 256$$

Also, $A = 6 \times 8 = 48$ square inches.

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{\frac{256}{48}} = \sqrt{5.33} = 2.3 \text{ inches}$$

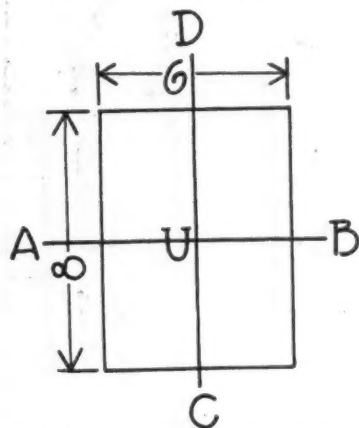


Fig. 1. Cross-Section of Rectangular Column.

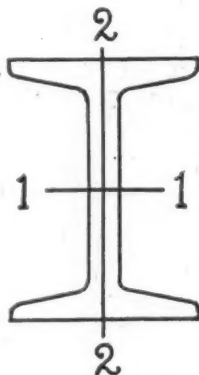


Fig. 2. Cross-Section of an I-Beam.

Again, if CD be taken as an axis thru O , the center of gravity of the section, perpendicular to AB , then

$$b = 8 \text{ and } h = 6$$

$$I = 1/12 bh^3 = 1/12 \times 8 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 144$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{144}{48}} = \sqrt{3} = 1.73$$

Now it is proven in mechanics that if a figure has axes of symmetry or axes which divide the figure into two equal parts, such as AB and CD , that the moment of inertia with respect to AB is greater than for any other axis thru O , the center of gravity. Also, that I for CD is less than for any other axis thru O . In designing beams the beam is strongest when placed so that the neutral axis or axis of no stress for a cross-section is the gravity axis for which the moment of inertia is the greatest.

But in columns the moment of inertia used must be with respect to an axis for which it is the least, for it is about this axis that buckling of the column takes place, if the column fails under the load. But the least I is the one which gives the least radius of gyration r .

Now for the different shapes of the cross-sections of iron columns it would be unnecessary work to calculate the radii of gyration, since they are given in handbooks. It will be my object to give the reader a few ideas in the use of a handbook.

The following table contains a few of the values given on page 175 of a Carnegie handbook, on the detailed properties of I-beams, a section of which is shown in Fig. 2.

TABLE I

Dep. of Beam inches	Weight per ft. Lbs.	Area of Section	AXIS 1-1			AXIS 2-2		
			I	r	Section Modulus	I	r	Section Modulus
15	55	16.18	511	5.62	68.1	17.1	1.02	5.9
15	42	12.48	441.8	5.95	58.9	19.9	1.08	5.3
12	55	16.18	321	4.45	53.5	17.5	1.04	6.2
12	31.5	9.26	215.8	4.83	36	9.5	1.01	3.8
10	40	11.76	158.7	3.67	31.7	9.5	.9	3.7
8	18	5.33	56.9	3.27	14.2	3.8	.84	1.9

Fig. 2 shows that axes 1-1 and 2-2 are axes of symmetry. Therefore I_{1-1} is the greatest and I_{2-2} the

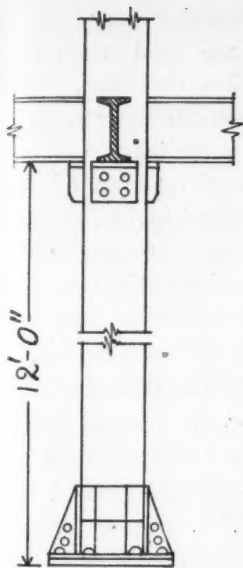


Fig. 3. Typical I-Beam Column.

least of the gravity axes. Then in using an I-beam or a column the radius of gyration for axis 2-2, which is seen to be the least, is the one to use.

The American Bridge Formula:

$$\frac{P}{A} = 16,000 - 70 \frac{l}{r}$$

is safe to use for slenderness ratio or the ratio $\frac{l}{r}$ between 40 and 100. The fibre stress developed, viz.: $\frac{P}{A}$ for dead and live loads must not exceed 13,000 pounds. Now if $\frac{l}{r} = 30$, then

$$\frac{P}{A} = 16,000 - 70 \times 30 = 13,900 \text{ pounds}$$

which exceeds a safe limit. For any value of $\frac{l}{r}$ between 12 and 40, use 13,000 pounds as a safe stress or

$$\frac{P}{A} = 13,000. \quad P = 13,000 A$$

is the safe load to be carried.

If the slenderness ratio is from 100 to 190, Formula 1 will give results too large for safety. The following table is taken from Carnegie, Page 159:

TABLE II

Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount
100	9000	150	5500
110	8000	160	5000
120	7000	170	4500
130	6500	180	4000
140	6000	190	3500

For any values of the ratio between those given, the corresponding safe stress may be found. The specifications require "that when a bar is used for bracing and combined stresses due to wind and other loading, the working stresses may be increased 25 per cent, provided the section thus found is not less than that required by the dead and live loads alone" (Carnegie, page 159).

Suppose a 15-inch 42-pound I-beam is to be used for a 12-foot column. To find the load it will safely carry. Now, $l = 12 \times 12 = 144$ inches. From Table I, $r = 1.08$ and $A = 12.48$.

$$\frac{l}{r} = \frac{144}{1.08} = 133\frac{1}{3}$$

Since $\frac{l}{r}$ is greater than 100, we must use Table II.

For ratio of 130, $\frac{P}{A} = 6,500$ and for 140, $\frac{P}{A} =$

6,000. Since $133\frac{1}{3}$ is $\frac{1}{3}$ of 10, the difference between 130 and 140, the value of $\frac{P}{A}$ is found by getting $\frac{1}{3}$ of $6,500 - 6,000 = \frac{500}{3} = 167$ and subtracting from 6,500 or

$$\frac{P}{A} = 6,500 - 167 = 6,333 \text{ pounds.}$$

$$\therefore P = 12.48 \times 6,333 = 79,000 \text{ pounds}$$

If we had substituted $\frac{l}{r} = 133\frac{1}{3}$ in Formula I,

$$\frac{P}{12.48} = 16,000 - 70 (133\frac{1}{3}) = 16,000 - 9,331 = 6,700$$

$$\therefore P = 12.48 \times 6,700 = 83,000, \text{ approximate}$$

This gives a result 4,000 pounds greater than specifications. For combined bracing and loads this result would probably be safe. Carnegie Tables give the former. If the reader has access to a Carnegie, on page 296 he will find a table for safe loads in thousands of pounds. For a 12-foot column he will find a safe load for a 15-inch 42-pound I-beam to be 79.0 thousand pounds.

Suppose the problem is to find the size of an I-beam used as a 10-foot column to carry a load of 60,000 pounds. On page 296 of Carnegie, the first column contains lengths of column iron. Follow the horizontal line from the 10 feet coming to 65.9 and 50.2 thousand pounds. We must use the I-beams correspond-

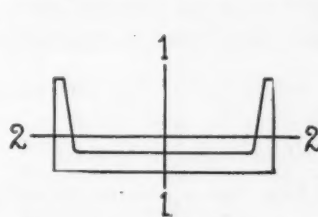


Fig. 4. Cross-Section of Channel Showing Moment of Inertia Axes.

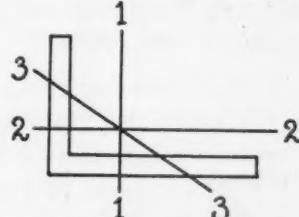


Fig. 5. Cross-Section of an Angle Iron with Moment of Inertia Axes.

ing to the greater load, or 12-inch 31½-pound I-beam.

When a channel is used as a column the safe load is figured as before by Formula 1. On page 176 of Carnegie will be found the elements of sections shown in Fig. 4. Let us find the safe load a 6-foot 10-inch 15-pound channel will carry as a column. Now $l = 6 \times 12 = 72$, $A = 7.35$ and r_{2-2} the least radius of gyration = .72.

$$\frac{l}{r} = \frac{72}{.72} = 100$$

Since the ratio is 100 we may use Formula 1.

$$\frac{P}{7.35} = 16,000 - 70 \times 100 = 9,000$$

$$P = 66,150 \text{ pounds.}$$

Table II gives the same result.

If the problem is to find a channel 8 feet long for a column to carry 50,000 pounds, the solution is of the cut and try type. For, in Formula 1, both A and r are unknown. We must then turn to the handbook, select a channel that we think will fit, get the values

for A and r and substitute them in Formula 1. $\frac{P}{A}$ should be equal to $16,000 - 70 \times \frac{l}{r}$. But they will probably never be exactly equal. They should be brought as near as possible by choosing different channels, always remembering that $\frac{P}{A}$ must never be greater than $16,000 - 70 \frac{l}{r}$, as that is the maximum allowable stress.

In our problem $P = 50,000$ and $l = 8 \times 12 = 96$.

Suppose we try a 10-inch 35-pound channel, for which $A = 10.29$ and $r = .67$.

$$\frac{50,000}{10.29} = 4,860 \text{ pounds, } 16,000 - 70 \frac{96}{.67} = 16,000 - 10,000 = 6,000, \text{ approximately}$$

This shows that we have a channel with a larger section than necessary, but not far from the correct one. Try a 10-inch 30-pound. $A = 8.82$ and $r = .67$.

$$\frac{50,000}{8.82} = 5,670 \text{ and } 16,000 - 70 \frac{96}{.67} = 6,000$$

Now $\frac{l}{r} = \frac{96}{.67} = 145$ and from Table II a ratio of 145 calls for a maximum working stress of 5,750 pounds.

Since $\frac{P}{A} = 5,670$, the 10-inch 30-pound channel will carry the load.

If $\frac{P}{A}$ had been more than the allowable value from Table II, another choice would have been necessary.

In order that this idea may be well fixed in the reader's mind, another problem will be solved.

Find a channel 10 feet long for a column to carry 75,000 pounds.

Try a 12-inch 40-pound channel. $A = 11.76$, $r = .75$, and $l = 120$ inches.

Then $\frac{l}{r} = \frac{120}{.75} = 160$ and from Table II a maximum workable stress is 6,000 pounds.

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{75,000}{11.76} = 6,400.$$

This is too high. We must have a greater area or a greater radius of gyration r . This would call for a 15-inch channel. Try a 15-inch 45-pound channel. $A = 13.24$ and $r = .88$.

Now $\frac{l}{r} = \frac{120}{.88} = 137$; from Table II, safe stress is 6,200 pounds.

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{75,000}{13.24} = 5,670 \text{ pounds}$$

Since 5,670 is less than 6,200 the channel is safe.

A case of importance is that of angle irons. The cross-section as found in any handbook is shown in Fig. 5. Among the elements given in the tables of handbooks are size, weight per foot, area of section,

r for 1-1 axis, r for 2-2 axis and r for 3-3 axis. The r 's for axis 1-1 and 2-2 are used when angle irons are riveted to plates in built-up sections. When an angle iron is used alone as a column it is always the r for axis 3-3 that is used, as it is the least.

The problems for designing steel columns of angle irons, and built-up girders are solved in just the same way as for I-beams and channels. Any good handbook will give the least radius of gyration to use in Formula 1.



Identification of Oak Woods

OVER fifty species of native oaks assume the proportions of trees, and about twenty-five are used for lumber. After the oaks are cut into lumber, there is no means known to the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory by which they can be identified as to exact species. By examination of the wood alone, however, it is easy to separate the oaks into two groups—the white oaks and the red oaks; and for most purposes, fortunately, it is not necessary to classify them any further.

The white oak group includes true white oak, swamp oak, bur oak, cow oak, post oak, overcup oak, and chestnut oak. The red oak group includes true red oak, yellow or black oak, scarlet oak, Spanish oak, Texan oak, black jack, water oak, willow oak, and laurel oak.

The color of the wood is a ready but not absolutely reliable means of distinguishing the white oaks from the red oaks.

For more accurate identification it is necessary to examine the pores of the wood. These will be found as tiny holes on a smoothly-cut end surface, the largest being visible to the unaided eye. They are not of uniform size thruout each growth ring, but are considerably larger in the wood formed in the spring, decreasing in size rather abruptly towards the summerwood. The large pores in the springwood of the heartwood and inner sapwood of the white oaks are usually plugged up with a froth-like growth called tyloses, and those of the red oaks are open. This feature, however, is not so reliable for classification as the character of the much smaller pores in the summerwood.

To tell for a certainty whether a piece of oak belongs to the white or red oak group, cut the end grain smoothly with a sharp knife across several growth rings of average width. With the aid of a hand lens examine the small pores in the dense summerwood. If the pores in this part of the growth ring are plainly visible as minute rounded openings, and are not so crowded but that they can readily be counted, the wood belongs to the red oak group. If the pores in the summerwood are very small, somewhat angular, and so numerous that it would be exceedingly difficult to count them, the wood belongs to the white oak group.

New Construction Methods for Housing in England

VARIETY OF NEW MATERIAL AND TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION ARE NOW BEING USED BECAUSE OF POST-WAR CONDITIONS

By John Y. Dunlop, of Glasgow, Scotland

FOR ages the construction of houses in Britain was carried out by brick and stone, but now that we are faced with great labor difficulties and the increased cost of labor the English Government is doing everything possible to bring about a radical change in home construction methods and material.

The typical brick house in this country is built with a wall thick enough to support weight of the floor and roof. Most building laws at one time demanded that the minimum thickness should not be less than 14 inches.

With stone houses the usual thickness of the wall for a small house was 20 inches. Since both of these materials were built into solid walls all external walls in those houses had to be strapped, lathed and plastered on the inside.

Now every endeavor is being made to get material which will reduce the amount of skilled labor in preparing it and also in erecting it. With this aim in view many experiments have been carried out by the Minister of Health Department of Scientific and Industrial research.

Brick Construction

Building solid walls with bricks thruout the full thickness is no longer possible because the cost is too great. Hollow bricks not less than 6 inches thick with skins and stiffening webs 1 inch thick are being used in their stead.

These hollow bricks are used for partition walls down to 3 inches thick and are prepared with webs and stiffeners as in the case of hollow bricks for external walls.

The advantage of this type of brick fabric is that the material will be lighter for transport and handling and economical material and fuel in manufacturing.

Composite walls partly built of brick and partly of concrete blocks are to be largely employed. The inner part of the wall is to be brick $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, the outer part to be of thin concrete slabs with a proper cavity and wall ties between the two thicknesses. The outer part may also be of brick and the inner concrete.

The department also recommends the use of the composite or three-ply wall, the outer part of which

will be built of brick $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, the inner part of concrete slabs having a space of not less than 1 inch between which would be filled up with a stiff cement mortar grout.

External walls of cottages of one story are to be built of brickwork $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick if protected from the weather by rough cast material rendering or other waterproofing material on account of the high thermal co-efficient which such a wall possesses.

Chalk Bricks

Chalk is one of the materials, which gives great promise as a new building material. For outside work experiments have shown that chalk brick made from six parts of chalk to one part of cementitious material gives very good results.

For inside work and external work where the house fabric is covered with stucco as a protection against our atmospheric conditions the composition of about 15 parts chalk to one of cementitious material has proved satisfactory.

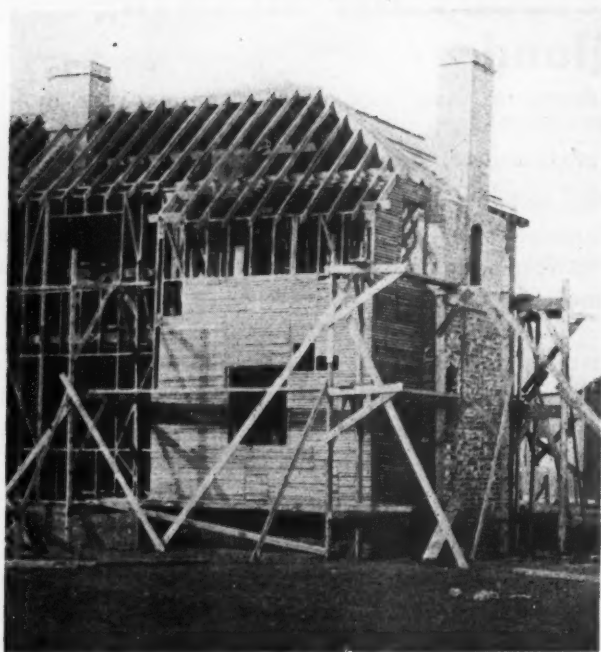
In making bricks of this material no fuel is required except such as is necessary for power and for the cementitious material. It has been found that chalk containing from 18 per cent to 20 per cent of moisture produce the best shaped brick.

Chalk bricks are laid in much the same way as clay brick and are bedded and jointed in mortar; meantime, they are only being used as facing bricks for three-ply walls or where the wall is of brick and concrete. Where it is desired to dispense with the making of bricks chalk concrete is being used.

This material is made of crushed chalk mixed with



Back View of Foursome Brick House. The Two Tenants on Ground Floor Use Front and Back Doors, While the Tenants for the Upper Floor Enter by the Door in the Ends of the House.



Timber Framed House in England, Showing How the Chimney Stacks Are Arranged. These Timber Houses Are Built on Concrete Foundations and Contain Three and Four Apartments.

cement on a proper mixing board in the proportions of 7 to 1 and filled in between the boarding in a semi-fluid state.

Lintels to doors and window openings are cast in position in chalk concrete in a proportion of 4 to 1 of cement. The work when finished is covered with a coat of cement rough cast. In monolithic work of this sort natural ground, lime can be used in place of cement.

Rammed or Molded Materials

Building in this way is really nothing new in England. It was used a century ago but fell into disuse sometime ago. Recent investigation has shown the present to be the most satisfactory time for its revival.

Walls for domestic house construction all formed

by ramming dry natural soil between movable shuttering forming a temporary mold.

The essential qualification for this work may be defined as a firm coherence of the constituent particles when rammed and dried combined with an absence of excessive shrinkage in the process of drying.

Pure clay would satisfy the former condition and pure sand or gravel, the latter yet neither by itself could possibly be used for this form of construction.

Ordinary earth is a complex mixture in which clay and sand are by no means the only constituents and may of them possess the essential qualities. Calcium carbonate occurring in chalk mark or disintegrated limestone help to reduce shrinkage, while distracting little from the cementitious properties of the other ingredients present. An all important point is the water present in the earth at the time of actual use and it is generally found that the water present should be between 7 per cent and 14 per cent of the weight of the dried earth. A clay-gravel-sand gives the best results with as much as 15 per cent of water, while a chalk loam mixture with 13 per cent of water shrinks excessive on drying. A house of this kind requires to be built on a good brick or concrete foundation and the rammed pise should be begun at 9 inches to 12 inches above the ground level.

Cement Concrete

Previous to 1914, houses in England were built with concrete blocks, these blocks usually solid, the inner side of the wall was treated in the same way as a stone wall. The new proposals which are being put before the building trades are the building of concrete slabs, forming a cavity wall. The making and building of cavity concrete blocks the full thickness of the wall and the building of concrete walls in situ.

The difficulty in building walls with large slabs is to prevent moisture from percolating the outer part of the wall to the inner part thru the vertical and bedding joints. Investigation has shown that surface waterproofing does not prove satisfactory where there are return ends to the slabs which come in contact with the inner thickness of the wall and that walls built with plain slabs and a continuous cavity offer a better resistance to the weather than blocks of the full thickness of the wall.

However, building with slabs is becoming very popular in several parts of England and the usual construction is to erect a wood framed house on which the floors and roofs are carried and have the

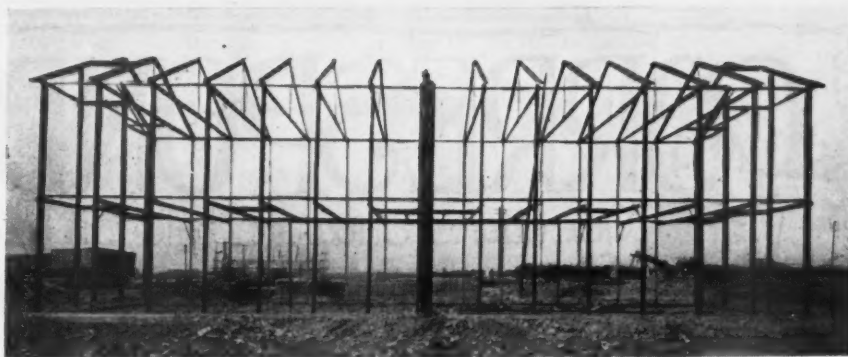


Concrete Houses Built with Blocks and Coated on Outside with Stucco. Concrete as a Building Material Is Now Used Extensively in Great Britain.

concrete slabs fitted in between the framing with the whole fabric covered on the outside with cement stucco. One company in place of using concrete slabs are building houses with timber framing and slate slabs.

Most of the builders in this country, however, have come to the conclusion that where suitable aggregate is available on or near the site monolithic concrete construction will prove more expeditious and economical than block or slab construction.

Monolithic concrete construction is being erected in three distinct formations and those comprise plain solid walls, walls with a vertical dampproof course, and walls with caities both interrupted and continuous. The minimum thickness of solid walls for bungalow con-



Steel Framed House, Showing Steel Framing for Walls and Roof. The Upright Frames Are T-Irons, the Roof Angle Irons. The End Gables Are Trimmed for Brick Chimneys.

up half a hundred houses under the National Housing scheme have started off by fixing contracts for a few of each kind with the hope that they may discover something new in fabric construction.

Of course, you must understand that a timber framed house is something entirely new in England and if you had gone forward with the idea to any of the building authorities previous to 1914 they would have thought you crazy. However, this type of house is now being given a good trial in this country and from the various returns of the cost to hand, timber framed construction is going to reduce the cost somewhat.

Various proposals for the construction of steel framed houses have been before the building world in England for some time. The three illustrations show the progress of semi-detached house and its completion. The upright frames which are on a concrete base are



Steel Framing Covered with Metal Lath and Ready to Receive Stucco Covering. The Roof Is Boarded with Sheathing. The Partitions in This House Are Made of Cement Slabs.

struction is fixed at 4 inches. Walls, however, of this thickness are very doubtful. Altho there may be no question as to their stability they are very liable to conduct dampness and moreover the thermal co-efficient of a thin concrete wall is not sufficient to maintain an equal temperature within the house.

Timber Framed Houses

Timber framed houses are being erected all over England at the present time. They are of two kinds, the temporary bungalow, which is being erected by thousands in every county to relieve the housing situation, and permanent houses. The houses are generally put up in sections on a concrete foundation and contain three and four apartments, with bath room and sanitary fittings.

The permanent timber framed house is built on the same lines as the brick or cement house. Many of our community who are putting

T irons, while the roof is made up of angle irons. The framing of this structure is riveted together. The end gables and the middle gables are trimmed for brick chimneys. On the top of the angle irons of the roof wood laths are placed, a nailing base for the roof boards. The roof boarding is laid horizontal.



Steel Framed House Finished and Ready for Occupancy. This Is the So-called Semi-Detached House, Containing Four Apartments. The Floors Are Concrete with Oak Covering.



Question on Preserving Shingles

To the Editor:

Holyoke, Colo.

I am contemplating putting a new roof on a house and would be pleased if you would give me some advice.

I will put on 5 to 2-inch red cedar shingles and I want to dip them in a green paint or shingle stain. I have an idea that the paint would be the best and that the stain has but little preservative qualities.

Please give me some advice as to this.

I am to dip the shingles in the paint and then lay them. Is this O. K.?

H. SUTHERLAND.



Blackboard Needs Repair

To the Editor:

Middletown, Ill.

I would like to know if any readers of the AMERICAN BUILDER have found a successful method to repair a small hole in a slate blackboard. I recently put in some new blackboards and one section had a nail pushed thru the slate in shipping.

The hole is small on the back side, but is splintered off on the face of the board, making a hole about one and one-half inches by two inches.

I used scraped slate and liquid glue, which appeared to make a satisfactory job, but the glue would not stand the dampness from washing the blackboard. I would like to know if there is a glue that will stand the dampness.

SAMUEL MORRIS.

P. S.—I used Le Page's glue.



Modern Farm Buildings in Maine

To the Editor:

Easton, Maine.

I am sending you a picture of one of several farm buildings that I have built in the past few years and would be pleased

to see it in the AMERICAN BUILDER, of which I have been a reader for seven or eight years. It has been a great help to me in my work. These farm buildings are the home of S. J. Hanson. They have the latest plumbing, heating, electric lighting and running water in house and barn. The main house is 24x28 feet, the ell 16x26 feet, shed 20x40 feet and barn 45x90 feet. The cost was approximately \$15,000.

A. L. WING.



He Wants to Get Soft Water

To the Editor:

Sully, Iowa.

In digging a cistern, is there any way of getting soft water immediately? Does it make any difference whether the roof of my house is painted or not?

PETER ROZENDAOL.



Excellent Advice On Labor Estimating

To the Editor:

Cragmoor, Ulster Co., N. Y.

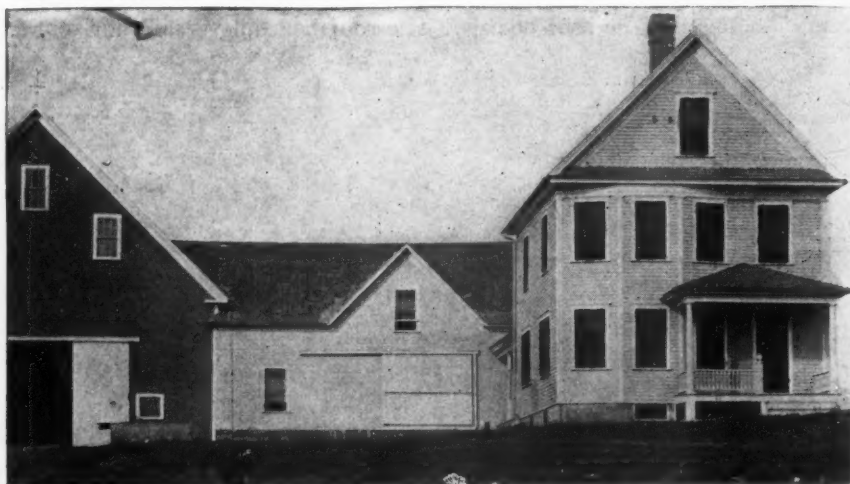
Mr. Harry L. Poroher, in the January issue, asks light on labor estimating.

I do not believe that a table of the time required for the different operations in building would be of much real use to Mr. Poroher unless gotten together by someone in his own section of the country. I have such tables here in my library and seldom make use of them for labor estimates.

I find, for instance, in one table that 1,000 brick laid in lime mortar will require 7 hours mason's time and 7 hours helper's time and a little further on in the same book is given the same labor estimate for laying 1,000 brick in cement mortar. Now any mason knows that it takes longer to lay brick in cement mortar than it does to lay them in lime mortar and do the same quality of work, yet no mention is made of the lime-laid brick being more carefully laid.

Mr. Thos. R. Preece, first vice-president of the masons union at Chicago, states that on large work and in cities, brick masons will average 1,500 brick per day, including facing and backing. Personally, I am sure that many jobs in Chicago average better even than that.

Now I don't believe the Chicago masons are very much better than some of the local masons right here in my own county and yet we don't average much over 800 bricks per mason here. Our architects won't stand for the kind of work that can be laid at the rate of 1,500 per day. We are required to fill every end joint and every vertical space thoroly. Stretcher courses must start with $\frac{3}{4}$ bats and header courses must break joints with stretchers. Nearly all our walls are outside as we usually have



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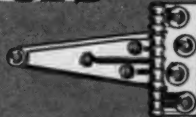
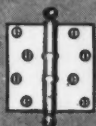
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spaces between houses. In many cities only the front and back walls are outside walls and in some sections the bricks with the exception of the outside four-inch may be laid with dry end joints and open vertical spaces. I mention these things to show how undependable a table of labor time would be for general use. I would suggest that Mr. Poroher make out cards for each job and keep tab of the labor time on each piece of work. These cards should be dated and have the name of the owner and a slight description of the work together with any added information, such as: Walls much cut up. Good gang of men. Favorable season, etc., written on one side of the card and on the other side they may be made up something like the card shows below or in some other way perhaps more to your particular needs.

These cards will be better than any number of lists gotten up by someone else.

DATE

JOB

SIZE OF HOUSE ON FOUNDATION

	Size	Lin. feet or No. of Pieces or Board Feet	Carpenter's Time	Remarks:
Sills and Girders				
Wall Studs				
1st Floor Joists				
2nd Floor Joists				
Partition Studs				
Rafters				
Rough Siding				
Etc				

Card can be continued for each item it is desired to keep track of.

It is also a good plan to keep your eyes open and note how long it is taking the other fellow on the job just down the street and make a list of his labor time also. This is not hard to do if you are passing by a couple of times each day.

File these cards away either alphabetically or by date or both so you can lay your hand on them when wanted.

LAWRENCE S. KEIR.



Burt Cooper, Missing for Two Years. His Brother Asks the Aid of Brother Carpenters in Finding Him.

Have You Seen This Man?

Warren, Ohio.

To the Editor:

I want you to do me a great favor. I have been trying to locate my brother without success for two years, and knowing the circulation of your paper among brother carpenters, I take this course in the last hopes of finding out something of his whereabouts. I am enclosing description of him as he appeared when I last saw him two years ago, and a snapshot of him in working clothes taken about that time.

Description of Burt

Cooper: Correct name C. B. Cooper, 33 years of age, smooth face, light complexion, carpenter by trade and member of Local Union L. C. Joiners (Local No. 532, Elmira, N. Y.) Also member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Always wore 3 links on working vest and signet ring with emblem of I. O. O. F. If any brother carpenters know whereabouts of above person, please notify Edwin H. Cooper, 629 Wood Street, Warren, Ohio.

EDWIN H. COOPER.



Offer Design Suggestion for Church

To the Editor:

Elberton, Ga.

In reading over the November issue of the AMERICAN BUILDER I happened to see the cut of the church to be remodeled. I do the designing for a construction company

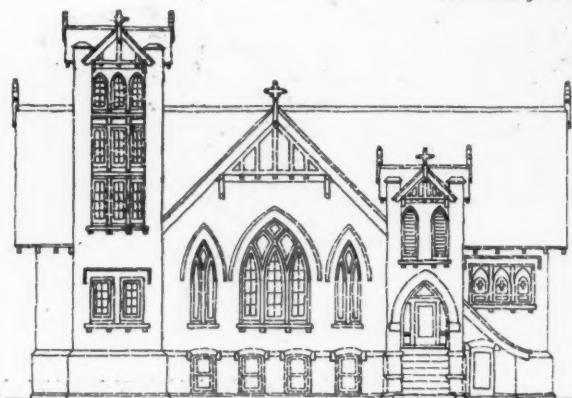


PLAN & ELEV. OF CHURCH SHOWING SUGGESTION FOR PROTECTING THE SIDE ENTRANCE

One of the Sketches Submitted by Hunter J. Price, Elberton, Ga., to Aid Mr. Atkinson in Remodeling Side Door to Church.

and for a little practice I have made two sketches for an enclosure for the lecture room entry and the basement. Understand these sketches are simply little studies I made in rapid fire order and am merely sending them in as a suggestion. Both of these designs, if worked out fully, could be made attractive, at a very small sum. This is partly the basis of design as I know most churches do not have much money at their disposal. Hoping that your designer might get some suggestions from my solutions.

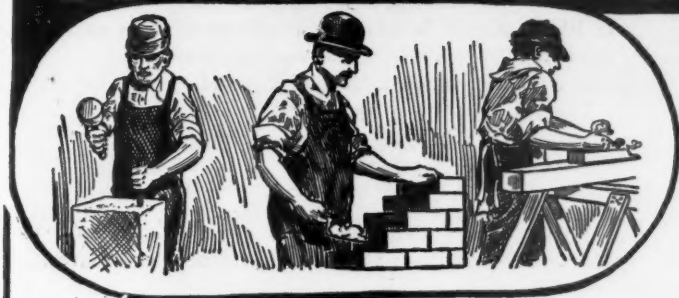
HUNTER J. PRICE.



PLAN & ELEV. OF CHURCH SHOWING SUGGESTION FOR PROTECTING THE SIDE ENTRANCE

Another Elevation Showing Different Type of Entrance Which Can Be Added. Plan of Outer Side Wall Is Shown at Bottom of Sketch.

What Is Your Job?



ARE you the man who is bossed—are you doing the hard work while some other man gets the high pay for telling you what to do? Why not be the boss yourself? The only difference between you and the men higher up is in what they know that you don't know. They get their big pay and have the easy work because they know how to direct you and other work-

men. If you could read blue prints, estimate on work, know how to direct construction, you too would be in the big pay class. Read below how you can get this knowledge and be a bigger man in your line.

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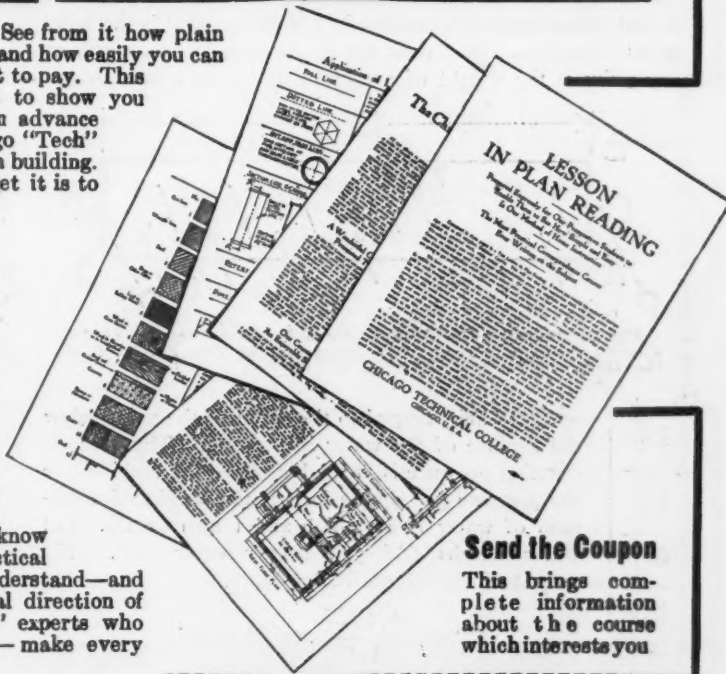
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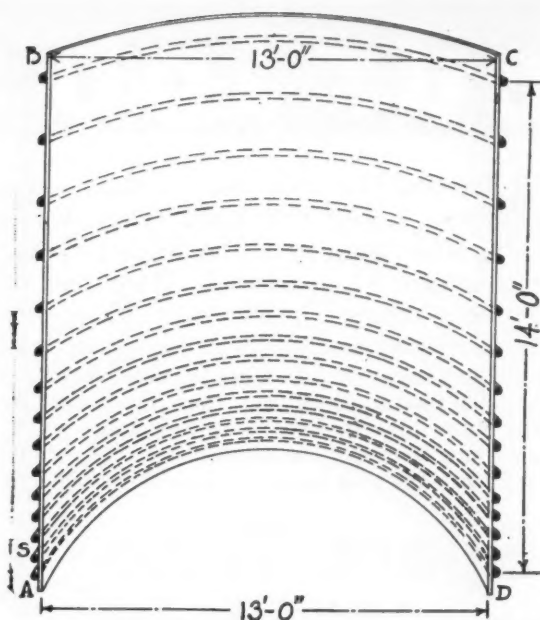


Fig. 1. Showing One-Half of the Tank and the Hoops.

Number of Hoops for Water Tank

To the Editor:

Atkinson, Ill.

Can you help a subscriber of long standing out on a job I have here? I have built a supply tank for a customer, the tank being 13 feet in diameter and 14 feet high, hooped with $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch round iron hoops. How many hoops are necessary to hold the tank safely when full of water, the staves being made of 2-inch fir lumber?

OWEN NICKERSON.

Answer—One of the fundamental principles of hydraulics is that the pressure at any point in a body of water is the same in all directions. In a tank the pressure per square inch at any point is the weight of a column of water, 1 inch square

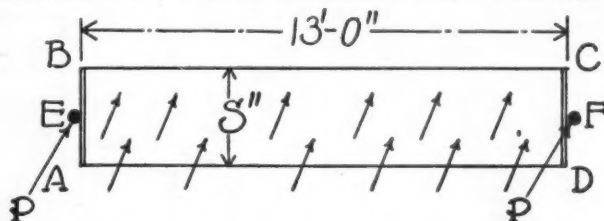


Fig. 2. Showing the Area Under a Uniform Pressure of 6.08 Pounds Per Square Inch to Be Supported by Two Forces, P, of the Hoop.

and of a height equal to the depth of the point below the surface of the water in the tank. The greatest bursting pressure is at the bottom of the tank. Here the pressure per square inch is the weight of a column of water 14 feet high and 1 inch square. But water weighs 62.5 pounds per cubic foot. The weight of the column is, therefore,

$$P = \frac{14 \times 62.5}{144} = 6.08 \text{ pounds}$$

Now each hoop must support a portion of the tank which is represented in height by S. The water presses against the curved surface at right angles to the surface. The greatest strain on the hoop is at a section thru the center of the hoop as shown in Fig. 1. The force that each hoop must sustain is the pressure of 6.08 pounds per square inch on a rectangle S inches high and 13 feet wide, shown in Fig. 2. This rectangle is the projection of the curved surface S inches high onto a vertical plane thru the axis of the tank.

Now the pressure on the rectangle is

$$6.08 \times S \times 13 \times 12$$

But this must be supported by the fibre stress across the hoop sections at E and F. The area of the hoop is

$$\frac{3.1416 \left(\frac{5}{8} \right)^2}{4} = .308 \text{ square inch}$$

If 10,000 pounds is taken as a safe stress then each section will hold:

$$10,000 \times .308 = 3,080 \text{ pounds}$$

The two sections will hold 6,160 pounds.

The two forces are equal, or

$$6.08 \times 13 \times 12 \times S = 6,160 \text{ pounds}$$

$$S = \frac{6,160}{950} = 6.5 \text{ inches}$$

Then at the bottom the hoops must be spaced 6.5 inches apart. At a depth of 10 feet the pressure per square inch is

$$P = \frac{10 \times 62.5}{144} = 4.34 \text{ pounds per square inch}$$

Then $4.34 \times 13 \times 12 \times S = 6,160$.

$$S = \frac{6,160}{677} = 9 \text{ inches}$$

That is, the hoops should be spaced 9 inches at a depth of 10 feet.

At a depth of 5 feet:

$$P = \frac{5 \times 62.5}{144} = 2.37 \text{ pounds per square inch}$$

Then $2.37 \times 13 \times 12 \times S = 6,160$.

$$S = \frac{6,160}{337.5} = 18 \text{ inches}$$

The hoops should be spaced 18 inches at a depth of 5 feet.

To be exact, one should determine the spacing for every foot of depth. But for 5, 10 and 14-foot depths the spacing can be estimated near enough for practical purposes.

The tank with hoops spaced is shown in Fig. 3. It requires fifteen for a safe design as shown.

PROF. CHAS. W. LEIGH,

Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.

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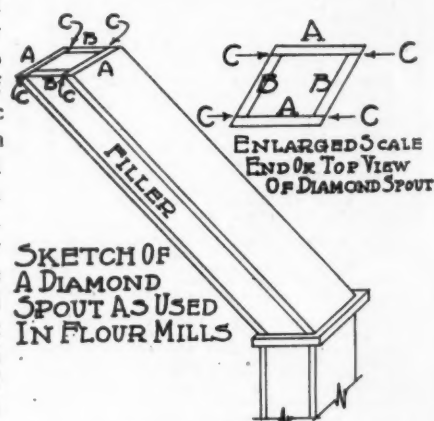
Solve This Bevel Problem

To the Editor:

Longmont, Colo.

I am enclosing a pencil sketch of a diamond spout as made in a flour mill. I would like to know the simplest way to find the bevel of the filler at c c c c and the pitch of the diamond spout as used in millwright work. It is a very easy matter to get the bevels at A A and B B, but I want some simple and reliable way of getting the bevels at c.

CHAS. E. NOWELS.



Mr. Nowels Wants to Find Bevel of Fillers of This Diamond Spout at c c c c.

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Wants to Sharpen Hand Scraper

To the Editor:

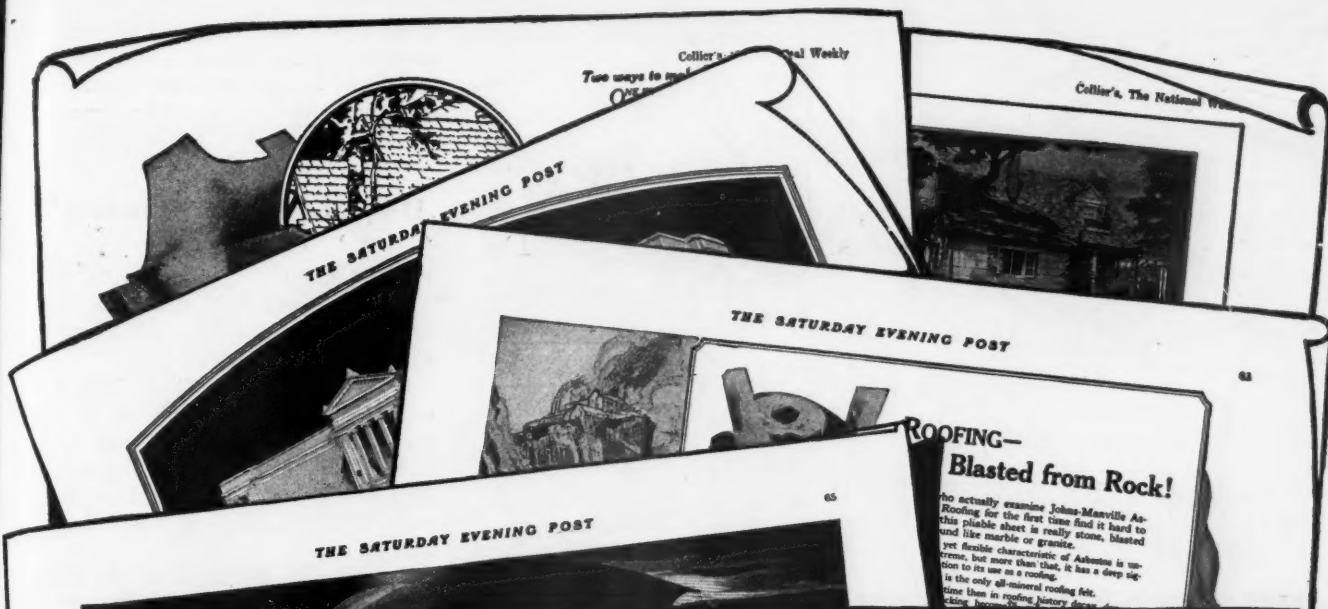
Passaic, N. J.

I have been a reader of your paper for ten years and have found it a great help to me in the building line.

I would like to ask someone with experience to give me some information in regard to sharpening a hand scraper with square edge and also bevel edge with the right bevel.

JOHN DE VRIES.

Fig. 3
Showing
spaces
between
hoops in
inches



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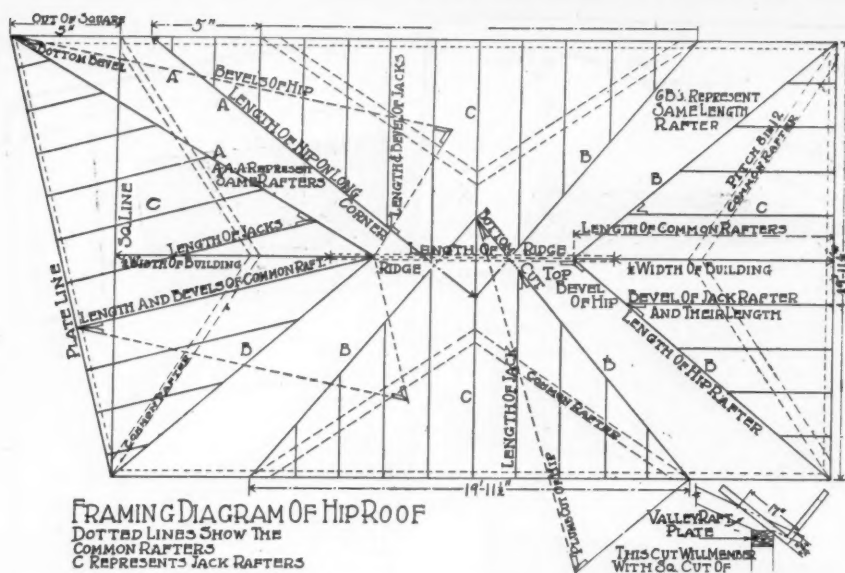


Diagram of Irregular Hip Roof Showing Framing Details. Mr. Welliver Also Tells How to Find the Cut of the Valley Rafter.

Tells How to Find Rafter Cuts

To the Editor:

Danville, Pa.

Mr. B. C. of Canada wants to know how to get the cut of a valley rafter, so here is a plan of hip roof 5 feet out of square showing four sides on same plan, and also plan of cut of valley to member a square cut on main rafter.

JAMES F. WELLIVER.

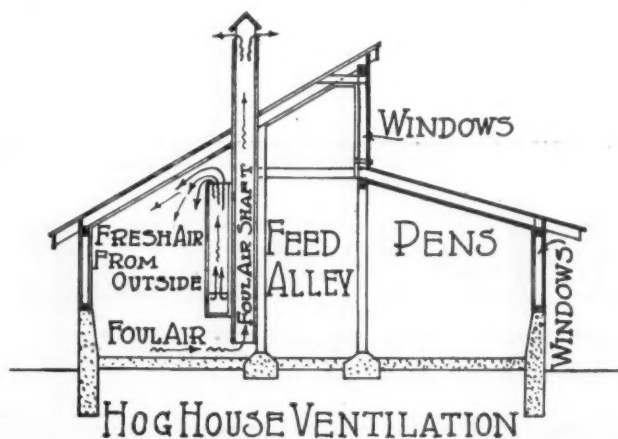
Something Wrong With Hog House Ventilation

To the Editor:

Skidmore, Mo.

I have a saw tooth shaped hog house. It is 80 ft. by 20 ft. wide, has a 4-foot alley and 13 pens on each side with windows on the south side both at top and bottom. When the shed is full of hogs a layer of foul air stays near the floor. As the pigs are farrowed they become dizzy and ill and die in a few days if left in the shade. I like to keep the hot air in, as it stays at the top of the shed, but when the windows are open at the top all the hot air goes out and leaves this foul air on the floor and the floors are damp.

I have a flue built at each end of the hoghouse, coming within six inches of the floor and going out at the top of the roof. The size of the flues are 6 by 12 inches. These flues take out part of the bad air, but very little of it. The house has an intake the same size as the flue entering at the bottom of the shed outside and coming out on the



Cross-Section Drawing of Hog House Built by Elmer Reese, Skidmore, Mo. Under the Present Arrangement the Ventilation System Does Not Work Effectively. What Would You Suggest?

inside about two feet from the ceiling, as shown in the sketch.

I would like to get some suggestions as to how this trouble can be remedied.

ELMER REESE.

How He Solves Goodale's Puzzles

To the Editor: Jacksonville, Ill.

My solution of F. C. Goodale's "Puzzlers" in December issue of AMERICAN BUILDER, is as follows:

1. Whiteoak board 40'-0" long, 9 in. wide, 1 in. thick; 30 board feet of lumber; walnut board, 20'-0" long, 12 in. wide, 1½ in. thick, 30 board feet of lumber; maple board, 30'-0" long, 6 in. wide, 2 in. thick, 30'-0" board feet of lumber.

2. Room 6'-0" by 6'-0" by 6'-0" = 216 cu. ft. Sides of room 6'-0" by 6'-0" including ceiling and floor or six

sides in all covered with lumber 1 inch thick, will require 216 board feet of lumber.

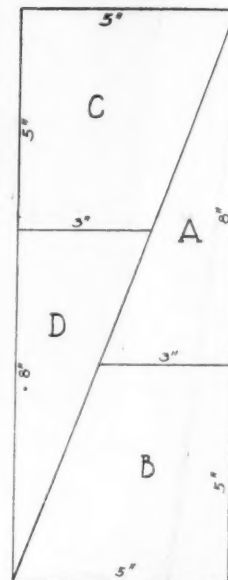
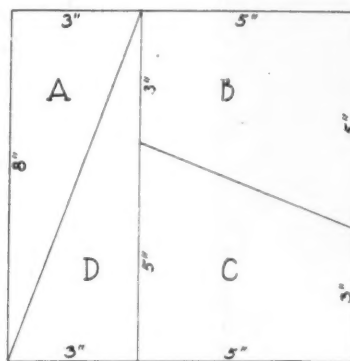
D. C. CARSON.

Here's a Hard One to Crack

To the Editor:

Herreid, S. D.

A board 8 inches square is cut as shown in left sketch and the parts are placed together as shown in right sketch. The board, 8 inches square, contains 64 square inches, but when rearranged as in sketch No. 2 we produce from the 8-inch square



Conundrum de Luxe. By Sawing a Board a Certain Way You Can Increase Its Area from 64 Square Inches to 65. How Do You Explain It?

board one 5 by 13 inches and we then have 65 square inches. Will some one explain where this square inch is gained in the re-arrangement?

F. C. DRUMMOND.


Excluding Sun Glare

AMBER colored glasses are often used to protect the eyes from glare of the sun.

Curtains are frequently drawn in homes, offices and factories to exclude the direct glare of sun from rooms in which people may be reading or working. Sometimes this necessitates turning on artificial light in the room. What really is needed in cases like this is not light exclusion but control or modification of light.

Instead of a curtain have a frame that fits over the window. Fill the frame with amber colored glass or amber colored pyroxlin sheeting. This permits the light to go thru, but modifies it so that there is no blinding glare.

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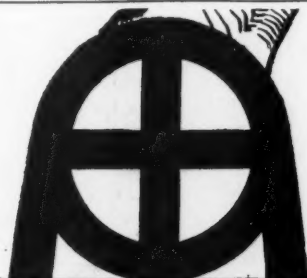
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This house is built of brick. The architect states that he selected the material because he wanted a permanent home of first-class material, with fire resistive walls that would save him money on fire insurance premiums on the building and contents, and that would give him a house

that is warm in winter and cool in summer.

The exterior is quite attractive with a large front porch extending the full width of the house. This porch can be screened in very easily during the warm weather and will make a very comfortable sun porch. Broad shutters on the upper front windows add a



First and Second Floor Plans of Efficiently Designed Brick Home. It Contains Six Large Rooms.

touch of picturesqueness that is pleasing and distinctive. The roof is gable-shaped with the walls above the eaves in stucco.

In case extra space is needed, the large high attic can very cheaply be converted into living or sleeping rooms. The house is 25 feet 8 inches by 22 feet 8 inches.

A wide variety, of course, and bonds have been used in the front facade of this house with decided effect.



Nail Problem Solution

To the Editor: Minneota, Minn.

In answer to P. W. Rinehardt's nail problem: He did not say what kind of nails to use, so I have selected the 8d size, which, I think, he will find as suitable as any.

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E drove $742 + 592 = 1,334$

6,037

8,997

3 remaining

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As there are 2,963 nails left in keg, which makes 9,000 in a 100-pound keg, $2,963 \text{ nails} \div A B C D E = 592 \text{ nails each}$, with a remainder of 3 nails.

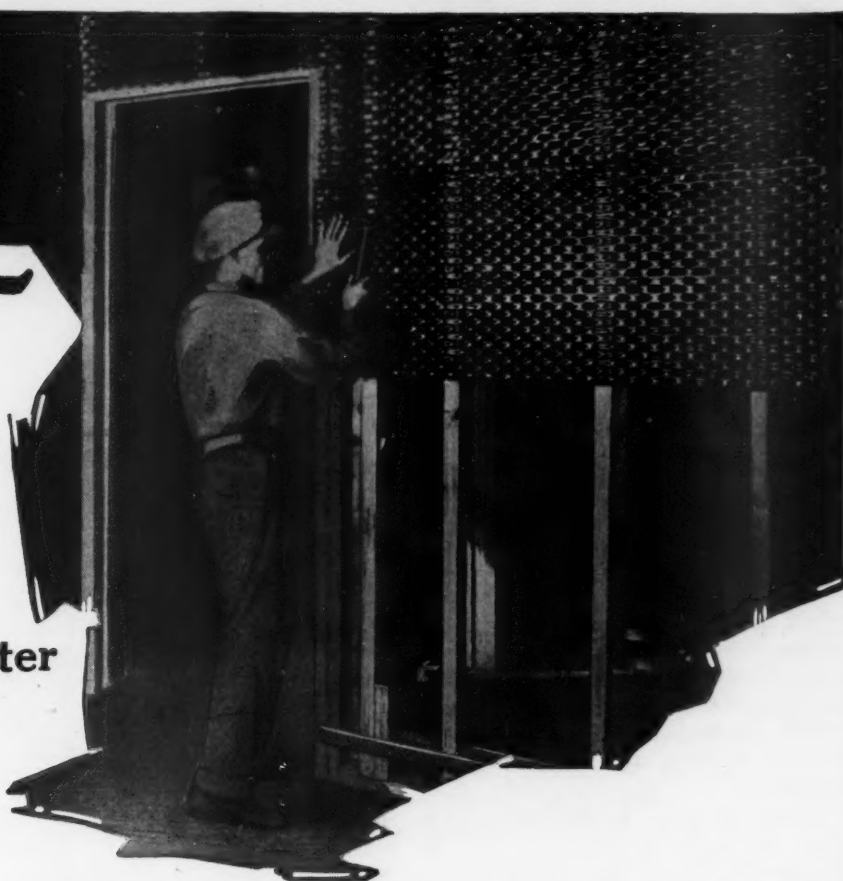
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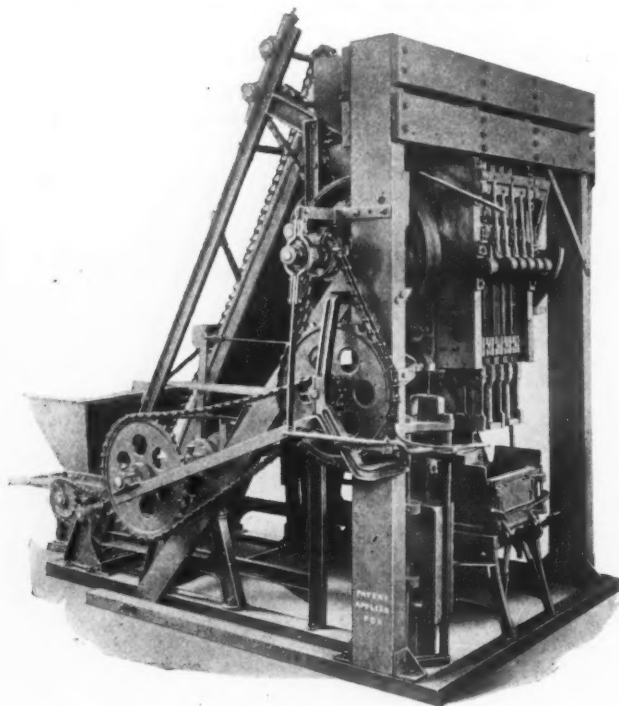
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Complete Automatic Block Producing Machine

COMBINING the various operations required in the making of concrete block has been the feat achieved by a manufacturer who recently placed a complete automatic concrete block-producing machine on the market. It is built up from the original hand machine and has equipment consisting of a block machine, power tamper, scraper and finisher, core actuator, conveyor and feeder and a new automatic cam attachment.

The old equipment required twenty-three manual and pedal operations for the production of a block. By means of this new cam attachment, these twenty-three motions are reduced to one single motion, that of pulling the starting lever. The machine then automatically feeds in the material and produces a block in 12 seconds, and then stops. Then as the block is removed another pallet is placed in the machine, the lever is again pulled, producing another block in the same time.

This method of building up an automatic machine has an advantage in that it makes possible for the owner of a hand machine to obtain an automatic machine without sacri-



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ficing his old equipment. He can build up from this original unit. The plant as it stands complete is shown in the illustration.

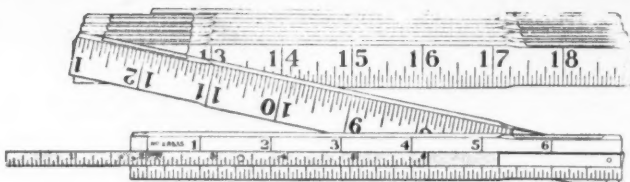


Extension Rule for Inside Measurement of Openings

A NEW 6-foot extension spring joint rule, particularly designed for taking inside measurements of openings, such as door and window frames and similar fixed points, but just as handy as a common rule for ordinary measuring, has just been put on the market. While somewhat similar in pattern to a spring joint rule, it is made of genuine boxwood in natural finish.

The first section of the rule is fitted with a graduated brass slide, which extends readily but is not loose and cannot fall out, having end lock. To take an inside measurement, open

the rule to within 6 inches, or less, of the distance between the points. Extend the brass slide by push button. Add the measurement on the brass slide to that shown at extreme end of rule, which gives the exact distance. The extension slide is also admirably adapted to determining depth of mortises, etc. The boxwood sections are somewhat heavier than those



Extension Rule for Inside Measurements of Openings. The Sketch Above Shows How the Rule Is Used in Measuring Window Frames.

of a common spring joint and are securely fastened at joints, making the rule more rigid when extended than the ordinary folding rule. The graduation is consecutive inches and sixteenths, both sides, with distinct lines and figures.

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DEVELOPMENTS in the concrete block manufacturing industry have come along rapidly in the last few years and one of the most interesting features in the manufacture of this building product is the perfection of a new machine that makes blocks without a tamper.

This machine has a production of six 8 by 8 by 16-inch wet mix blocks per minute, the blocks being either plain, rock faced, or any other design desired. Simple adjustments in the machine enable the operator to change molds quickly. By the arrangement of this machine the same pressure is applied to each block and traveling is unnecessary.

The mixed material is fed into a hopper in the rear by means of a continuous mixer with a capacity of 7 cubic yards an hour. The material is measured by a device at the bottom of the hopper, this device being operated by a cam which during the up stroke of the machine draws a series of prongs thru the material cutting off material above until the charge has been released and the bottom door automatically locked. During the down-stroke of the machine



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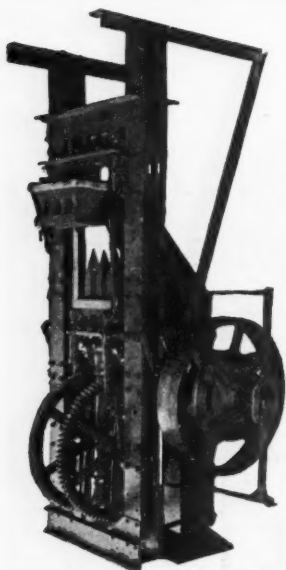
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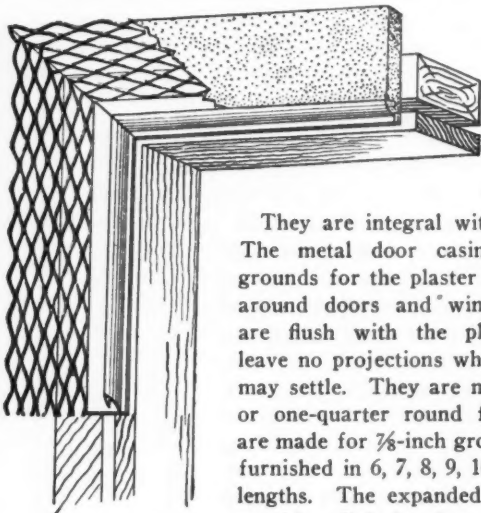
the prongs are drawn back, allowing material to fill the measuring device again.

A pull at a lever in the front of the machine allows the measured material to enter the mold box, then the clutch is thrown in by means of another lever just above. The ram makes one complete revolution, the power stroke driving the plungers thru the mass of concrete, followed up by the stripper plate, thus creating a pressure in all directions. The return stroke strips the finished blocks from both the plungers and mold box into position to be carried away as shown in the illustration. The complete cycle requires ten seconds.



Expanded Metal Wings for Door Casings

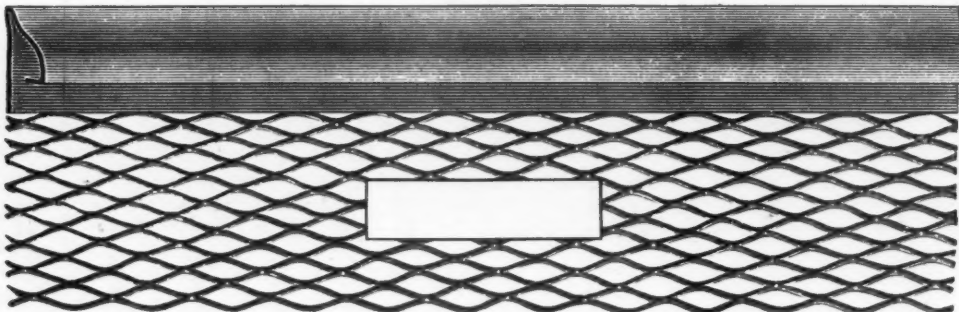
TO avoid cracks which commonly occur in the plastering around door casings, a new and unique feature in the form of expanded metal wings or webs has been devised and is now on the market. These wings provide a tie with the adjoining wall around door casings and reinforce the plaster at its weakest point in such construction.



Expanded Metal Wings to Prevent Cracks in Plastering Around Casings.

They are integral with the casing. The metal door casings serve as grounds for the plaster and are used around doors and windows. They are flush with the plastering and leave no projections where dust, etc., may settle. They are made in O. G. or one-quarter round forms. They are made for $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch grounds and are furnished in 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12-foot lengths. The expanded metal wings provide a link for the metal lath and leave no break in the fire stopping. The casing with the metal wing is shown in the accompanying illustration.

The smaller picture shows how the wings are applied.



Showing How Metal Wings Are Attached to Casings. These Casings Are Made in Various Lengths.

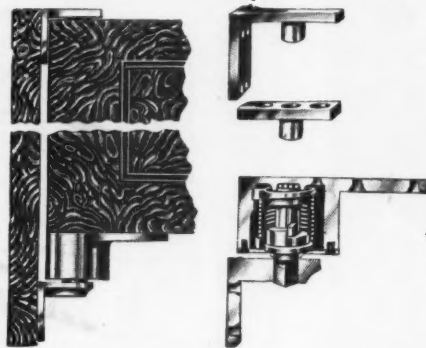
Gate Springs That Do Not Sag

IN many cases gates sag because children have used them for makeshift merry-go-rounds, but in most cases they sag because of their own weight and because of the weakness of hinges. To offset this undesirable feature, a new gate hinge is now being manufactured that is designed to be sagless. It is of the pivot type, so that the gate, even if wide and heavy, will not sag. The spring is built so as to not carry the weight of the gate. A very light tension is applied.

The weight of the gate is carried on ball bearings, eliminating friction. The pintle of the hinge is rigidly attached

to the bottom bracket so that the gate cannot get out of alignment when in use. This hinge is used to hold the gate open, either for right or left hand doors.

It is built for gates $\frac{7}{8}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick and with a hand rail up to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width.



Sagless Gate Hinge for Office and Other Gates. The Weight of the Gate Is Carried on Ball Bearings.

These hinges are very easily installed, being fastened to the surface of the post and gate. The top socket may be applied to the surface of the gate without mortising. This is advantageous on metal gates. The brackets are usually mortised into the post so as to reduce the space between the edge of the gate and post.



Stanley Opens Three Western Offices

WITH the merger of the Stanley Rule & Level Company and the Stanley Works, both of New Britain, Conn., it has become advisable, starting January 1, 1921, to open three new offices on the Pacific Coast. These new offices will be at San Francisco, Cal., with Mr. S. V. Armstrong as district sales manager; Los Angeles, Cal., with Mr. L. M. Knouse as district sales manager; Seattle, Wash., with Mr. Bruce Findlay as district sales manager.

These new offices, with the above men as managers, will be very glad to take care of the wants of the hardware-buying trade on the Pacific Coast, both for wrought steel hardware and carpenters' tools manufactured by the Stanley Works.



Austin Absorbs New Plant

THE Fairmont Machine Company of Fairmont, W. Va., has been absorbed by the Austin Machinery Corporation of Chicago and New York, manufacturers of earthworking, concrete-mixing and material-handling machinery, thus substantially increasing their already extensive line of products as well as manufacturing facilities.

The Fairmont plant will continue to make its own line of machinery besides contributing to the manufacture and distribution of the complete line of earth-handling and cement-mixing machinery manufactured by the Austin Machinery Corporation.



Slate Surfaced Unit Shingles of Unusual Merit

Ruberoid Unit Shingles, on account of their increased size and weight, present a material of unusual merit to the architect who has occasion to specify this type of roofing.

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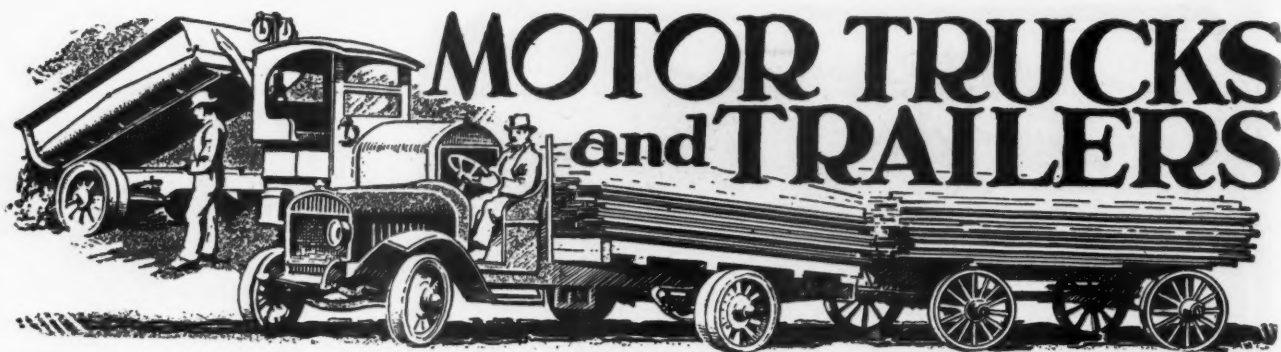
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Motor Truck Saves \$60 Per Day Over Horses

TENNESSEE CONTRACTOR USES 3½ TON TRUCK VERY PROFITABLY ON EXCAVATION JOB

By P. L. Sniffin

THE development of motor truck usage among contractors has reached the point where it is generally understood that for most kinds of work, motor trucks can be used more profitably than horse-drawn vehicles. Instances of substantial economics effected are every day occurrences.

Yet when a contractor finds that the installation of a single motor truck has earned for him the sum of \$130 a day on a particular contract, or a saving of \$60 per day over the same work done by teams, the instance is so remarkable that it is well worthy of special interest. And that is precisely what the Dempster Construction Company of Knoxville, Tenn., obtained from the 3½-ton truck shown in the illustration herewith.

In addition to this unusual profit and saving, the truck has enabled the company to undertake work that could not be possible with other forms of equip-

ment. For instance, the work required backing the truck down a 15 per cent grade to dump a heavy load of earth at the bottom, in a hollow 30 feet deep. While this is by no means an easy task, the Dempster truck made an average of 34 such trips every day.

When the company took a contract with the University of Tennessee to level a new athletic field, it had a two-fold problem, namely, to remove over 50,000 cubic yards of earth from the field and to fill a deep hollow with this earth. There were two ways of reaching this hollow, one a short cut down a 15 per cent grade that ran back 600 feet, and the other a long roundabout route over a very bad road to the other side of the hollow where the slope was more gradual. Originally they used 14 wagons of about 1¾-tons capacity drawn by three mules each, and two light trucks. With this equipment, of course, they had to take the roundabout route. The road was so



Dumping the 3½-Ton Dump Truck Which Saved \$60 a Day for the Dempster Construction Company, Knoxville, Tenn. This Truck Made Thirty-four Trips Daily and Earned \$130. Their Work Required Backing Down a 15 Per Cent Grade to the Bottom of a Hollow 30 Feet Deep.

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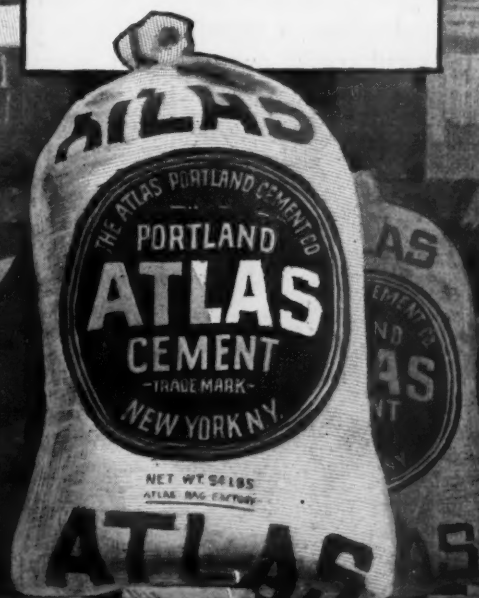
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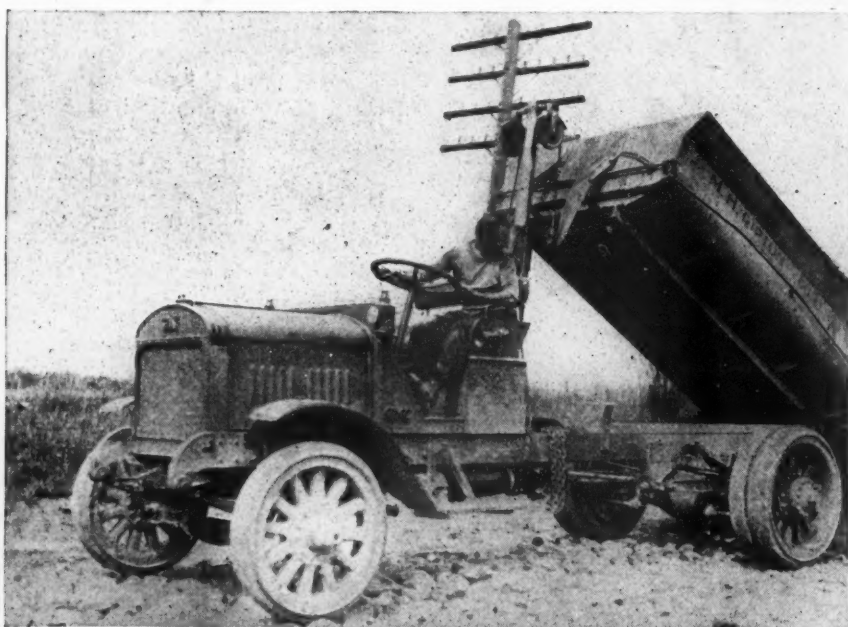
ATLAS CEMENT



Dempster Construction Company Found This 3 1/2-Ton "Mack" Truck Could Keep Up with a Steam Shovel Despite the Heavy Grade. It Also Used a Short Cut Which Was Impassable for Horses.

bad that a two-ton internal gear driven truck struck one spot which strained the entire chassis and internal gear mechanism to such an extent that the jackshaft pinion was thrown entirely out of line and merely idled with the rear wheel so that the truck could not move.

Then, too, they found that this equipment could not keep up with the steam shovel because it took so long to unload and return and since their capacity was so limited. They solved the problem by installing the 3 1/2-ton dump truck which could take the short cut and make 34 trips a day. By using the teams and small trucks on the round about route and the Mack on the short cut, they were able to keep the steam shovel in constant operation, saving a great deal of time and money.



W. H. Rison, Contractor at Rochester, N. Y., Finds This "GMC" Truck with Special Dump Body Very Handy and Economical. He Figures It Saves Considerable Time in Unloading.

To dump the earth by way of the short cut necessitated backing the truck down the entire grade and dumping its load at the edge of the bank. It had to back thru soft dirt at the very bottom and to the edge of the excavation with absolute sureness and pull up the hill again.

Says George R. Dempster, president of the company: "Such performance exceeds our expectations of the adaptability of the motor truck to our business, and of the economy in big units. We would never think of going back to team-drawn vehicles. All further additions to our transportation equipment will be heavy duty trucks such as this."



Results from Not Cleaning Crank Case

WHEN the gases or fuel have mixed with the lubricating oil in the crank case they reduce the lubricating oil in body and considerably decrease its lubricating value. This results in:

1. An inefficient piston ring seal with consequent high consumption of fuel and oil and loss of power.
2. Premature wear of cylinders, pistons, piston rings, crankshaft, crank pin and piston pin bearings.
3. Excessive carbon deposits, causing pre-ignition and laboring of the engine.
4. Burned out bearings.
5. Poor compression.
6. Excessive carbon sediment in crank case.

Remedy

To overcome these conditions it is very important:

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That during the cold weather a means be provided to decrease the circulation of air thru the radiator, thereby enabling the engine to operate at a higher temperature.



BY AVOIDING the more common abuses which motor trucks are subjected to, hundreds of truck owners will realize a period of service two, three, or five times longer than they now get thru neglect and carelessness. Overloading a truck continuously has the same effect as running a truck with a capacity cargo up a steep grade day after day, without let-up.



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NEWS OF THE FIELD

Mixer Association Elects New Officers

AT the annual election of officers of the Concrete Mixer Association of the United States, recently held in Chicago, Clifford F. Messinger, general sales manager of Chain Belt Company, Milwaukee, was elected president for the coming year. W. B. Knickerbocker, of the Knickerbocker Company, Jackson, Mich., was elected vice-president. A. T. Scannell, of the Archer Iron Works, Chicago, Ill., was elected treasurer. H. E. Smith, president of the T. L. Smith Company, Milwaukee, Wis., was made chairman of the executive committee, while P. A. Koehring, secretary of the Koehring Machine Company, Milwaukee, Wis., and Z. W. Carter, sales director of the Austin Machinery Corporation, Chicago, Ill., were elected members of the same committee. The installation of officers took place at a dinner given by the association at the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago, on Friday evening, January 28.



The New Upson Plant Ready for Operation

THE Upson Company, Lockport, N.Y., recently opened their new plant, designed by Charles A. Upson, president of the company. Actual construction was started in August, 1919, and the work was completed and put in operation in November, 1920. Since the founding of the Upson Company in 1902 yearly additions have been made to the plant, but it was evident that the largest unit of all was needed during the last few years. Plans were drawn up during the war and as soon as building restrictions were lifted the work started.

The new addition, which comprises the buildings shown in the left half of the accompanying bird's-eye view of the Upson plant, is built of blended tapestry brick. These buildings are over 500 feet long. They rest on solid rock and have heavy concrete foundations.

The inside walls are of light gray brick, with white mortar, making light, cheery interiors. The roofs are of steel and gypsum. Creosoted wood blocks cover the floors wherever trucking is to be done, the remainder of the floor space being concrete.

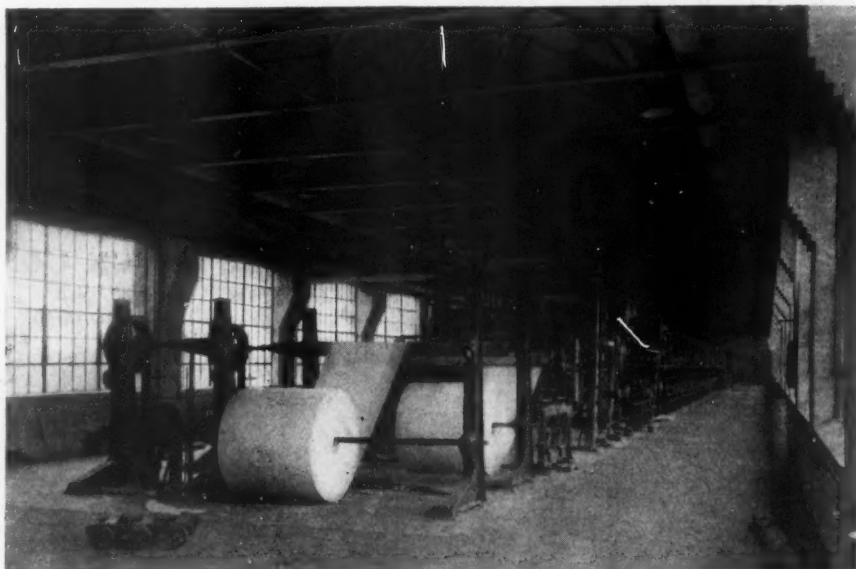
Raw material is received at the south end of the plant, and from there travels in a straight line thru the stock house to the beater or fibre preparation building, which is 114 feet long by 118 feet wide, and four stories high.

On the first floor is located a massive line shaft drive, to whose pulleys are belted the machines on the floor above.

The second floor is given over to beating engines and refining machines. There are seven large beaters and four grinders, which reduce ground wood and sulphite into form suitable for the fabrication of Upson board.

Other equipment used in the preparation of fibre occupies the third and fourth floors of this building.

The machine building is 400 feet long. In this building is located a seven-cylinder board machine which has 90 driers. The machine is 320 feet long, and can make board 108 inches wide. At the wet end of the machine room is located a large overhead crane for the purpose of removing the heavy rolls of the machine whenever occasion demands. At the finishing end, where the stock has been wound on large rolls, another crane picks up the huge rolls and conveys them to a scale for weighing. The rolls are picked up again and dropped thru an opening in the floor to trucks on the floor below, where they are hauled by tractors thru a subway



One of the Large Machines That Manufactures Upson Board in the New Plant. This Machine Takes the Beaten Pulp and Forms It into One-Ply Board. It Is Dried and Put in Rolls as Shown in the Front of the Picture. From Here the Rolls Go to the Laminating Room.

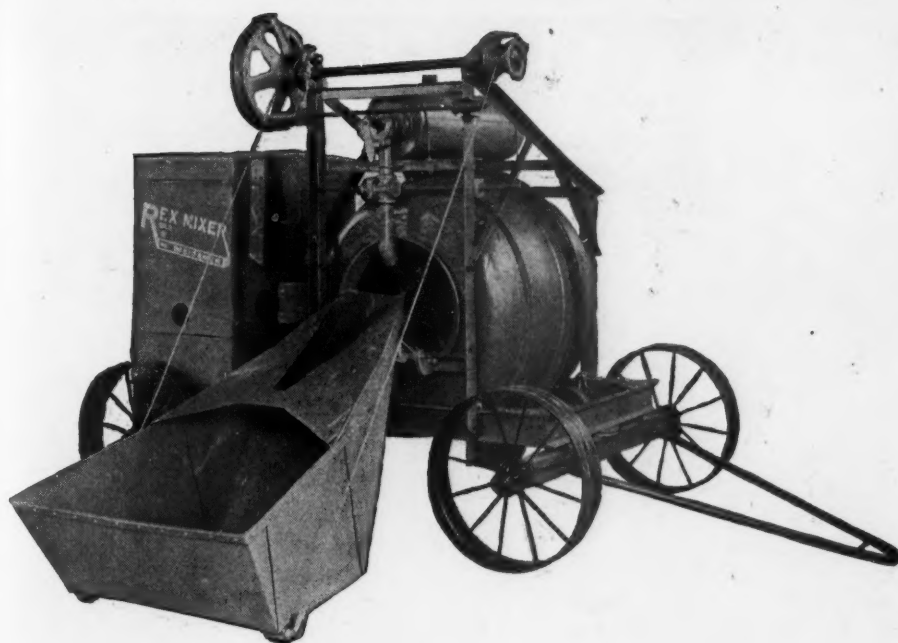
under the street to the laminating plant.

At right angles to the machine room runs a two-story building 40 by 120 feet. The first floor is utilized for storage, and on the second floor is located a complete machine shop for repairing equipment used about the plant. In this building also is located the general stores room, while several sub-stores are located in various points about the plant.

The engine room is 70 by 85 feet and contain the latest type of equipment. The boiler house is 50 by 63 feet. The boilers produce nearly 4,000 horse-power and are equipped with the latest stoking and ash removal devices.



Bird's-Eye View of Upson Plant, Lockport, N. Y., as It Appears with Latest and Largest Addition, Which Was Recently Completed. Chas. Upson, President, Designed the New Buildings.



1921 Will Reward Fighters

In the last three and one-half years America's population has fast outgrown its homes, schools, offices and stores. Now, men, money and materials are available. This year will see the beginning of a huge program for new buildings, repairs and extensions which cannot longer be delayed.

Every building dollar, however, will be spent wisely. Competition will be keen. The successful building contractor must be more careful than ever to use methods and equipment which place concrete at the lowest cost possible.

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Distributors and Dealers of the Phelps Light & Power Company, Rock Island, Ill., in Attendance at Annual Convention.

Phelps Dealers in Convention

DISTRIBUTORS and dealers of the Phelps Light & Power Company recently attended the annual convention held by that company at Rock Island, Ill. As a mark of appreciation for his past efforts the delegates presented the president, R. W. Phelps, with a gold watch.

Mr. A. C. Graham, advertising manager, gave a very interesting talk on "The Newspaper as a Salesman."



Unique Exhibit Proves Business Getter

IN the illustration shown here is the unique exhibit prepared by the Diamond Metal Weatherstrip Company, Columbus, Ohio, for the annual state fair held during the latter part of the summer. It proved unusually successful as a salesman and was constantly attended by some of the 360,000 people who attended the fair.

The exhibit in the background represents a side wall of a house in which several types of windows are installed, in-

cluding a double hung sliding window, double casement, opening in, and a double French door, opening in, all of which are equipped with Diamond metal weatherstrip. This part of exhibit was boxed in, and a powerful mine blast fan running at a speed of 2,500 revolutions per minute, blowing directly against the doors and windows at a wind pressure of 20 miles per hour, was set in motion. Water pipes were arranged at the top and behind the wall with holes every inch to give the effect of a severe rainstorm to be blown against the doors and windows. This was used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the weatherstrip against rain or wind.

It was also shown at the annual convention of architects this winter and will be staged at many of the large building expositions during the coming year. All glass in the windows and doors were glazed with Diamond calking compound.



Chain Belt Appoints Eastern Manager

GEORGE J. BLANTON, who for the past four years has been connected with the Engineering Sales Department of the Chain Belt Company, Milwaukee, has been made New York district manager. Before joining the "REX Family" in 1917, Mr. Blanton was associated with the General Electric Company for eight years. He will leave immediately to take charge of the company's offices at 50 Church Street, New York City.

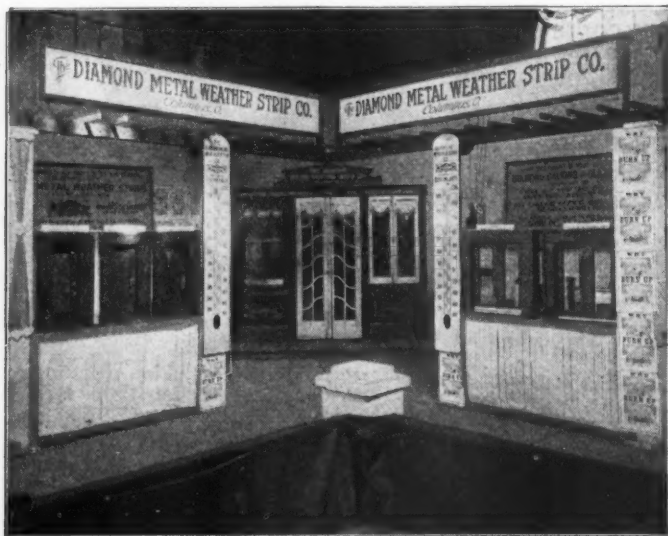


Smith Sales Office Moves to Milwaukee

THE T. L. Smith Company, whose general sales offices have been located at 470 Old Colony Building, Chicago, has moved this entire department and its complete personnel to Milwaukee, Wis., where it will be located at the factories, 1125 Thirty-second Street. The advertising department will also operate from the factory.

This important move was made principally to accomplish closer co-ordination between sales and service. General Sales Manager R. E. S. Geare will now have direct jurisdiction over the service department at the factory.

Sales of The T. L. Smith Company in 1920 were practically doubled as compared with 1919, which makes the biggest year in the history of the company.



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"Since taking on Rocbond we have completely overcome the bad results experienced from a former material. We are supplying the better class of mechanics almost to a man."

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Contractors' Machinery Specifications

For the convenience of our readers who are in the market for various kinds of building equipment and machinery, the American Builder has compiled a very condensed and complete machinery specification list, which is presented herewith. The busy builder will find this list a very efficient handbook and catalog to help him in making his selections for the coming year. Consult this list to find the machines you need.

MIXER SPECIFICATIONS

NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF MIXER	Price	CAPACITY in cu. ft.		Type	Material Mixed	Equipment	POWER		Weight Lbs.	Size	Misc.
		Mix	Un- mixed				Kind	H. P.			
A. S. Aloe Co., St. Louis, Mo. "Magic Mixer"	\$300	4½	5½	Revolving Drum	Concrete	.....	Gas.....	2½	1200	Wheels Front 18" Rear 24"	.....
American Cement Machine Co. Keokuk, Iowa "Boss" "Builders"	\$350 See price list for seven other sizes	7	10	Batch Paving Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas..... Electric.	6 5	2750 2700	Front 22" Rear 28"	.....
Archer Iron Works, Chicago, Ill. "Archer"	.....	4½ 7	6-7 10	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	.....	Gas.....	3 6	1920 2600	28"	.....
Atlas Engineering Co., Mil- waukee, Wis..... "Atlas"	\$710	Cata log	.....	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip	Gas..... Electric.	3½ 3	2500	Front 18x4 Rear 22x4	.....
Austin Machinery Corp., Chi- cago, Ill. "Austin"	Accord- ing to Equip- ment	21 See Cat alog for small sizes	33 alog for small er	Batch Paving Revolving Cube	Concrete Plaster Glass, etc	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Boom and Bucket... Water Measure.....	Gas..... Steam ..	25 14	20000	15' 4" x8'	.....
Badger Wire & Iron Works, Mil- waukee, Wis..... "Kwik-mix"	\$284	3½	4	Batch Revolving Drum	All	Hoisting Attachment.	Gas.....	1½	900	16" 16"	Reverse Unload- ing
Barrel Mixer Co., Madison, Wis. "Wynn Barrel Mixer"	\$200	3½	.....	Portable Revolving Barrel	.....	.....	Gas.....	1½	750	30x3½	Hoist
Blystone Mfg. Co., Cambridge Springs, Pa. "Blystone Batch Mixer"	Price List	.....	.....	Drum with Revolving Shovels	All	Hoisting Attachment	Gas..... Electric.	1½-6 1½-6	2910	4'x9½'	.....
The Bolte Mfg. Co., Kearney, Neb. "Bolte" and "Handy"	105-350	Wide R	ange	Batch Continu- ous	Concrete Mortar	Charging Hopper....	Gas.....	2-3	650-1350	3½'x8'	.....
Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee, Wis. "Rex"	.....	Catalog	.....	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment. Boom and Bucket.... Water Measure.....	Gas..... Electric.	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. H. & E. Mfg. Co. Milwaukee, Wis. "C. H. & E."	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mortar	.....	Gas.....	5	2500	.....	.....
Contractors Equipment Co., Keokuk, Iowa "Packard"	\$325	3	5	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Low Charging..... Batch Charging.....	Gas..... Electric.	3 3	1200	Handy Truck	.....
Construction Machinery Co., Waterloo, Iowa "Wonder"	.....	5	7½	Batch	All	Power Charging Skip Water Measure.....	Gas..... Electric.	5	3375	48"x103"	.....
W. E. Dunn Mfg. Co., Holland, Mich. "Dunn Shovel Mixer"	\$380	4½-5	5-6	Revolving Tub with Shovels	All	.....	Gas.....	3	1550	96"x48"	Bottom Discharge
Elite Mfg. Co., Ashland, Ohio "Low-down"	.....	3-10 cu. yds.	Per hr.	Continu- ous	Concrete Mortar	.....	Gas.....	4	.....	.....	.....
E. F. Elmborg Co., Inc., Parkersburg, Iowa "Elmco"	\$153.50 166.75	3	.....	Revolving Barrel	Concrete	.....	Gas.....	2	690	.....	.....
The Frank Mfg. Co., Des Moines, Iowa "Frank"	\$115 375	3-7	5-10	Fixed Tub with Re- volving Shovel	All Kinds	No Loader.....	Gas.....	2-3½	575 to 1700	3½x4 to 4x7	Quick discharge Bottom door
Gray Iron Foundry Co., Read- ing, Pa. "Keystone"	\$325-600	4-7	6-10	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip Water Measure.....	Gas.....	3-4 & 6	1700 2600 3600	Standard Gauge

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		Mix	Un- mixed				Kind	H. P.			
Ideal Concrete Mach. Co., Cin- cinnati, Ohio..... "Ideal"	\$1330	7.7	10	Batch Revolving Bond	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip Water Measure.....	Gas..... Steam... Electric.	6 5 5	4500	85"x45"
Iowa Spreader & Engine Co., Waterloo, Ia..... "Ever-Ready"		2 9		Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas..... Kerosene	2-7			
Jaeger Machine Co., Colum- bus, Ohio..... "Jaeger"		8 Other	12 Sizes	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas.....	5	4000	4" Channels	See Catalog For 13 Other Sizes
Judy Mfg. Co., Centerville, Iowa..... "Giant"	\$1025	7	11	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip	Gas.....	6	3900	42"x110"	.....
The Knickerbocker Co., Lan- sing, Mich..... "Knickerbocker"		14 7 5 4	21 10 7 6	Batch Contin- uous Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip Water Measure.....	Gas..... Steam... Electric.	6 12 5	4200 3500 3100 2200	Catalog	.....
Koehring Machine Co., Mil- waukee, Wis..... "Dandle"		7	10	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas..... Steam... Electric.	5 4	2560	11'3"x47½" 8'11"x42"	.....
Lakewood Engineering Co., Cleveland, Ohio..... "Lakewood Universal"	\$725	7	10	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Charging Platform Team Pole.....	Gas.....	4	2765	92"x39½"	.....
Lansing Co., Lansing, Mich.. "No. 7 Lansing"	\$750	5	7	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas.....	5	3000	96½"x41¾"	.....
Little Whirlwind Mixer Co., La Crosse, Wis..... "Little Whirlwind"	See Ca talog	for	Infor mation								
Miles Mfg. Co., Jackson, Mich.. "Simpler"	\$295	10 cu. yds. per. hr.		Contin- uous Revolving Drum	All	Complete	Gas..... Electric.	3 3		



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		Mix	Un- mixed				Kind	H P			
New Way Mfg. Co., Eau Claire, Wis. "New Way"	\$765	7	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar Plaster	Batch Hopper.....	Gas	4	2300	43"x34"x56"
Oshkosh Mfg. Co., Oshkosh, Wis. "Oshkosh Low Charger"		5 7	8 11	Batch Paving Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas..... Steam Electric.	3-5-7-9 6-8-10-12-14 3-4-5	2800- 24000		
Pony Mixer Co., West Bend, Wis. "Pony"	\$17.50	2½	.....	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	.....	No Pow- er Fur- nished		245		
Raber & Lang Mfg. Co., Ken- dallville, Ind. "Bulldog"		¾ cu. yd.	1 cu. yd.	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment	Gas.....	4-6		5" Channel	
Ransome Concrete Machinery Co., Dunellen, N. J. "Ransome Bantam"	\$625	7	10	Batch Paving Revolving Drum	All	Low Charging Skip.. Hoisting Attachment Water Measure..... Rotary Water Pumps.	Gas..... Steam... Electric.	4 4-6 5	2800	5" Channel	
Republic Iron Works, Tecum- seh, Mich. "Republic"		3½ 7	5 10	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete Mortar	Power Charging Skip Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas.....		2200- 3400	5" Channel	
T. L. Smith, Milwaukee, Wis. . "Smith"	\$930 (Depends on equip- ment)	7	11	Batch Paving Revolving Drum	Concrete	Power Charging Skip Boom and Bucket Hoisting Attachment Water Measure.....	Gas..... Kerosene Steam... Electric	5 5 4 5	2420 3000	6" Channel	
Sheldon Mfg. Co., Nehawka, Nebr. "Sheldon"	\$ 50 150 200	3 cu. ft. per batch		Batch	Concrete		Gas..... Electric..	1½-2	285 785 880	42"x72"	
Standard Scale & Supply Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. "Standard"	(Depends on equip- ment)	4 7 14 21	6 10 20 30	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Low Charging or Power Charging Hoisting Attachment	Gas..... Kerosene Steam... Electric..	3 6 10 12	2500 4200 6000 7300	Catalog	
Stewart Mfg. Co., Waterloo, Iowa..... "Stewart"	\$60 to \$560		2 4 6 9	Batch	Concrete Mortar	Skids with Loader....	Gas.....	1½-2½ 3	325 to 2800		
United Engine Co., Lansing, Mich. "United"		2 to 11	Batch Revolving Drum	Concrete	Gas.....				

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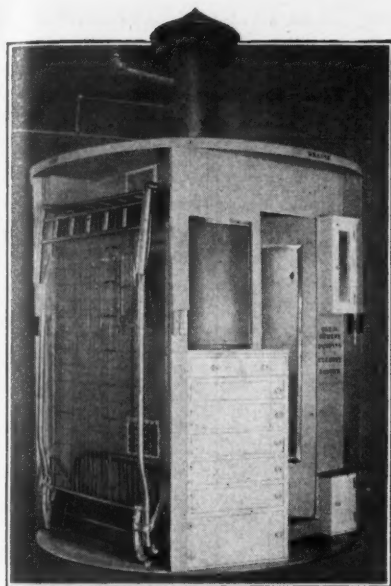
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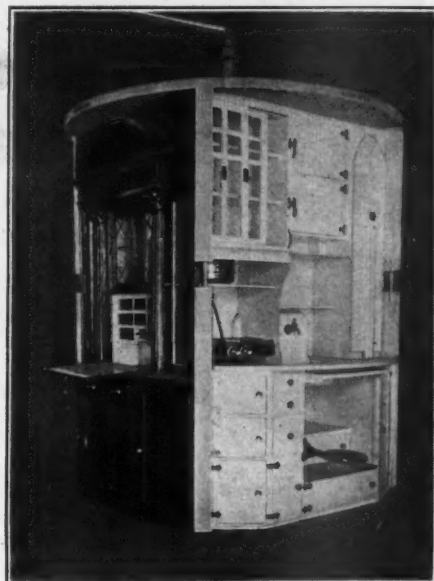
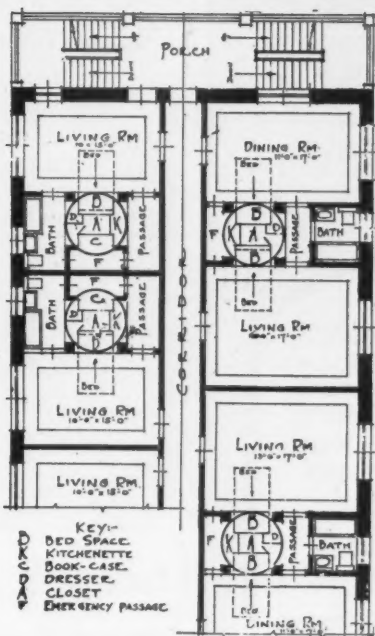
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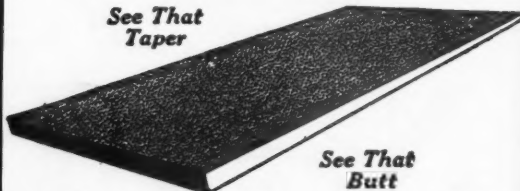
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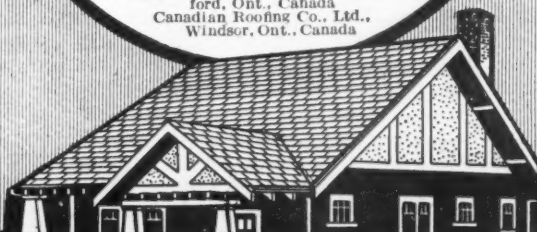
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Floor Surfacing Machine Specifications

NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF MACHINE	Price	Type	Size	Power	Attachments	Wgt. lbs.
American Floor Surfacing Machine Co., Toledo, Ohio, "American Universal"		Drum	Single 12"	Electric 1½ H.P.	Edge Sanding Drum Vacuum Bag 100 ft. wire gauge for cutting garnet paper	485
Boettcher Co., Chicago, Ill. "Ideal Floor Sander"	\$300	Drum	8"x12" 8"x15"	Electric 2 H.P.	Vacuum Bag, etc.	275
Electric Rotary Machine Co., Chicago, Ill. "Electric Rotary Machine"	\$200	Disc	14"	Electric ½ H.P.	Sanding Disc Grinder Head, etc., e.c.	130
International Floor Machine Co., New York City "International"	\$250	Drum	9"x4"	Electric 1 H.P.	Vacuum Bag	250
Kelley Electric Machine Buffalo, N. Y. "Kelley Floor Machine"	\$220-265	Disc	12"-18"	Electric ½-½ H.P.	Sanding Disc Grinder Head Scrubbing Brush Polishing Brush	125
M. L. Schleuter, Chicago, Ill. "Rapid Floor Surfer"	\$200-300	Two Discs Drums	12" 15" 18"	Electric 1¼-2-3 H. P.	Side Roller Vacuum Bag Carrying Handles	330-600
Wayvell Chappell Co., Waukegan, Ill.		Drum	9" 12" 15" 18"	1-1½ 2-3	Drum shifts to reach all edges Vacuum Bag	....

Universal Woodworker Specifications

NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF MACHINE	Type	POWER		Weight lbs.	Price	Height of Table	Floor Space
		Kind	H.P.				
American Saw Mill Machinery Co., Hackensack, N. J. "American"	Portable...	Gas.... Electric	5	1000	\$325	34"	54x54
Crescent Machine Co., Leetonia, Ohio. "Crescent"	Stationary	Electric	5 7	2200 3200	.....	36" 42"	75x81 75x80
Fairbanks, Morse Co., New York City. "Fairbanks, Morse"	Portable	Kero'ne Electric	3	1200	\$346	5'	77x34
Hutchinson Mfg. Co., Norristown, N. J. "Lightning Woodworker"	Portable	Electric	3	1150	\$575	32"	6'x3'
Knickerbocker Mfg. Co., Lansing, Mich. "Knickerbocker"	Portable	Gas	3	1067	.....	36"	64½x 41½
Parks Ball Bearing Machine Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. "Planing Mill Special"	Portable Stationary	Gas Electric	5 5	1600	\$475	3'	4'10" x9'6"
Ransome Concrete Machinery Co., Dunellen, N. J. "Portable Woodworking Mill"	Portable	Gas Electric	3 3	1150	\$355	38"	77"x 34"
Sidney Machine Tool Co., Sidney, Ohio. "Famous"	Stationary	Electric	5 7	3500	.....	35"	6'x3'
James L. Taylor Mfg. Co., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "The Taylor"	Portable	Hand Electric Motor	2 3	varies	.....	varies	varies
Woodworker Mfg. Co., Detroit, Mich. "Master"	Portable Stationary	Gas Electric	2-3	700	\$130	32"	5'x3' 9"



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NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF PUMP	Type	H.P.	Stroke Inches	Gal. per hour	Lift in Feet	Wt. Lbs.
Charter Gas Engine Co., Sterling, Ill. "Charter"	Heavy Duty	6 8 10 12 16	8-10-12			
C. H. & E. Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Wis. "C. H. & E."	Bilge Centrifugal Portable Force, 4 Cylinder, etc.	2 7 3		3000 6000 12000	20 50 50	650 1650 1025
Contractors' Equipment Co., Keokuk, Iowa. "Packard"	Mounted with Power Diaphragm (Single and Double)	3	3 4	3500 7000		
Construction Machinery Co., Waterloo, Iowa. "Wonder"	Diaphragm Mounted with Gas Engine	2 3½		4000	20	690 1260
Deming Co., The, Salem, Ohio. "Deming"	Diaphragm Mounted with Engine	1½	3	3500	15	585
Domestic Engine & Pump Co., Shippensburg, Pa. "Domestic"	Force	2 4	2½ 5	600 21000	150 200	850 1325
East Iron & Machine Co., The Lima, Ohio. "Van Wie"	Centrifugal Mounted	3½ 11 12		18000 30000	20 20 25	1000 1200 1800
Humphries Co., The, Mansfield, Ohio. "Humphries"	Mounted with Power	1½ 3	5	720	175	605
Kochring Machine Co., Milwaukee, Wis. "Kochring"	Steam		6-3-6	3000	22	4450

Cement Block and Brick Machine Specifications

NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF MACHINE	Price	Size of Block	Capacity Day	Tamper	POWER	
					Kind	H.P.
Anchor Concrete Machy. Co., Rock Rapids, Iowa. "Post Economy Punch" "Anchor Automatic Tamper"	\$3000 300	8x8x16 8x12x16	3000	Special Patented Punch	Any	5
Bragstad Con. Machinery Co., Canton, S. D.	\$1350	8x10x24	300	Automatic Hammer Blow	Gas	3½
Benfer Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio. "Mc Intyre"	\$1250 3750	5x8x12	450 hr.	Automatic	Gas	7
Construction Machy. Co., Waterloo, Iowa. "Wonder"	Tamper \$275 Block \$275 Brick \$200	24x6x8 or 12 16x8x8-10-12 Brick: 2¼x4x8½	1000 block 10000 bricks	Special patent	1 H. P. needed	
W. E. Dunn Mfg. Co., Holland, Mich. "Dunn Tile Machine"	\$500 \$1150	Tile: 8x8x12 6x6x12, 4x4x12	1000 2500	Revolving Packer Head	Gas Electric	5 7½
J. B. Foote Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.		8x8x16, 8x10x16 8x12x16				
Hayden Automatic Block Machine Co., Columbus, Ohio. "Hayden Automatic"		Down face 16, 20, 24		Power	Gas	1½
The Helm Brick Machine Co., Cadillac, Mich. Helm, "Premier," "Utility"	\$40 to 780	2¼x2½x3¾x8 Block: 4, 8, 12, 16x24	1500 blocks 15000 bricks	Press: No Tamper used	Gas Electric	5
Hydro-stone Co., Chicago, Ill. "Hydro-stone"	License Contract	Block: 9x24, adjustable for all wall widths	1200 blocks 1000 bricks	Press with 15000 lbs. pressure	Gas Electric Steam	
Ideal Concrete Machinery Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. "Ideal"		Standard 4"x8"x16" to 12"x8"x24"	1000	Automatic Tamper	Gas	3
Miles Mfg. Co., Jackson, Mich. "Miles," "Singer," "King," "Colonial"	\$75 & up	4" to 24" long & up 4" to 8" high 4" to 12" wide	250 up	Automatic	Gas Electric	1½



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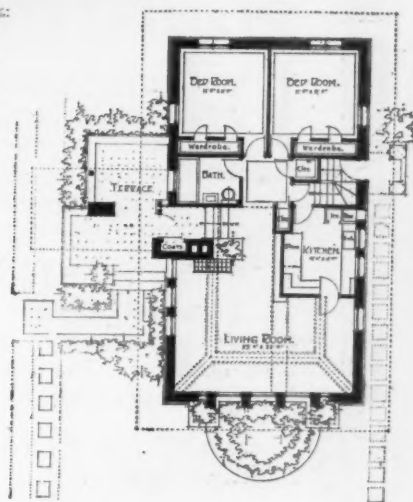
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Cement Block and Brick Machine Specifications—Continued

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					Kind	H.P.
Multiplex Con. Mach. Co., Elmore, Ohio. "Multiplex"	On Ap- plica- tion	8x8x16 to 12x16 4x8x16 to 12x20 4x8x16	100 to 1800	Hand Lever Pressure
Viani Concrete Mould Co., Chicago, Ill. "Viani"	\$35- 290	6x12x8 6x12x12	300- 1000	Hand Mechan- ical	.....	.....
Wert Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. "Perfect"	\$950	8x8x16 and 10 1/2 Brick: 2 3/4 x 3 3/4 x 8 2 3/4 x 5 1/4 x 10 3/4	1000 blocks 18000 bricks	Grav ty	Gas Electric Steam	2 1/2 1
The Willsea Works, Rochester, N. Y. "Rochester"	.....	16", 20", 24", 32", trimstone	.....	Anchor Tamp- er	Hand	.....

Air Painting Machine Specifications

NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF MACHINE	Size		Power		Area Cov- ered from one posi- tion	Wt.	Type of Head
	Paint Tank	Air Com- pressor	Kind	H.P.			
Air Appliance Co., 62 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.	10-15	2 1/2 cu. ft. per sec.	Gas Electric	.....	25 ft. hose 1000 sq. ft.	.....	"Giral" Double Regu- lator for 2 Spray- ers for each Tank
De Vilbiss Mfg. Co., Toledo, Ohio. "Aeron"	7 gal. 13 gal.	3"x3 1/2" 4 1/2"x4 1/2"	Gas or Electric	2-4	6000 sq. ft.	900- 2200	.....
Eclipse Air Brush Co., New- ark, N. J. "Eclipse"	5-15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paasche Air Brush Co., Chicago, Ill. "Paasche"	4-8 & 20	3x3 1/2 4 1/2 x 3 1/2	Gas Electric	2-4 1-3	.....	550	Special pressure
Vortex Mfg. Co., The, Cleveland, Ohio. "Vortex Painter"	20-30	22 ft. per min.	Gas Electric	4 5	100 ft. of hose 15000 sq. ft.	1750	Special Mani- fold

Gas Engine Specifications

NAME OF COMPANY AND TRADE NAME OF ENGINE	Type	R.P.M.	Weight Lbs.	Floor Space	Price	H.P.
Associated Mfgs. Co., Waterloo, Iowa.	Portable Stationary	250-800	345- 3406	Varies	.....	1 1/4-25
Baker Mfg. Co., Evans- ville, Wis. "Monitor"	Vertical Stationary	500	3-0	20x24	\$75	1 1/4
Charter Gas Engine Co., Sterling, Ill. "Charter"	Horizontal Stationary	.....	.....	.....	.....	20-175
C. H. & E. Mfg. Co., Mil- waukee, Wis. "C. H. & E."	Kerosene Gasoline Horizontal Vertical	400-650	775	30x32	.....	8
Domestic Engine & Pump Co., Shippensburg, Pa. "Domestic"	Portable Stationary	375-600 350-550	480 900	32x48 26x40	.....	2, 4, other sizes
Fairfield Engine Co., Fairfield, Iowa. "Fairfield"	Vertical Stationary Portable Truck or Skid	900	184	16 1/2 x 26	\$190 230	4 1/2
Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co., Madison, Wis. "Fuller Johnson"	Stationary Portable	see cata. log.	.....	.....	.....	18 25
International Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill. "International"	Horizontal Stationary Stationary Stationary	650 600 550 425	325 460 870 2215	48x26 54x29 54x40 90x56	.....	1 1/4 3 6 10
Iowa Spreader & Engine Co., Waterloo, Iowa. "Ever-Ready"	Stationary and Portable	275 500	200 2450	.....	.....	.....
Nelson Bros. Co., Sag- inaw, Mich. "Jumbo"	Horizontal Stationary	450	515	27x38	\$100	3
Stover Mfg. & Engine Co., Freeport, Ill. "Stover"	Stationary Portable	550 525 500	220 300 375	19x30 21x30 34x23 1/2	.....	1 1/4 2 other sizes
United Engine Co., Lans- ing, Mich. "United"	Horizontal Stationary	450	350	2 1/2

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American Cement Mach. Co., Keokuk, Ia. "Boss"	Mounted with or without power—reversible and non-reversible	6-20	700-1000	1000 up	1000-4000 100-175 ft.
The Brown Clutch Co., Sandusky, Ohio. "Brown"	Single drum—Double drum—Geared drum Reversible	5	2950	900	2500 150 ft. per min.
C. H. & E. Mfg. Co., Inc. Milwaukee, Wis. "C. H. & E."	Electric—6 sizes Gas engine—Reversible	5-7 1/2 10-15 7	500	2250	1000 150 ft.
Clyde Iron Works, Duluth, Minn. "Clyde"	Reversible—Boiler size—Steam power	30	2765	11700	7000 150 ft.
Construction Machinery Co., Waterloo, Ia. "Wonder"	Single drum—Single reversible—Single, non-reversible—Double, reversible—Belt driven	7-9			Depends on type
Contractors Equipment Co., Keokuk, Ia. "Packard"	Mounted and unmounted with power—Reversible and non-reversible	6	700	2200	1250 135 ft.
Dake Engine Co., Grand Haven, Mich. "Dake"	Steam	7			
Domestic Engine & Pump Co., Shippensburg, Pa. "Domestic"	Single—double—portable—stationary—reversible	4 6 9	1300 (1/4) 1000 (1/2) 1000 (3/4)	1650 2500 3500	1000 100 ft. 1600 100 ft. 2400 180 ft.
The Erie Hoist Co., Erie, Pa. "Erie"	Mounted with or without gas engine—reversible or without power	6		1750	2000 75 to 100 ft.
Havana Mfg. Co., Havana, Ill. "Havana"	Furnished with or without power—Single drum Reversible	4 to 10	1000 (3/4) 1000 (1/2)		1000 100 ft. 2000 100 ft.
O. K. Clutch & Mach. Co., Columbia, Pa. "O. K."					
J. E. Porter Co., Ottawa, Ill. "Porter"	Friction				
Chris. D. Schramm & Son, Inc., Westchester, Pa. "Schramm"	Single—double—reversible—portable	4-5 to 14-30	750 1760	500 8850	1000 2800
Union Gas Engine Co., Oakland, Calif. "Union"	Mounted with gas engine	6 9 16	375 675 1250 (3/4)	2075 3400 4200	1200 100 ft. 1600 130 ft. 2400 150 ft.
Universal Hoist & Mfg. Co., Cedar Falls, Ia. "Ideal"	Furnished with or without power—reversible and non-reversible Single—double		500	340-500	1200-2000 125 ft.

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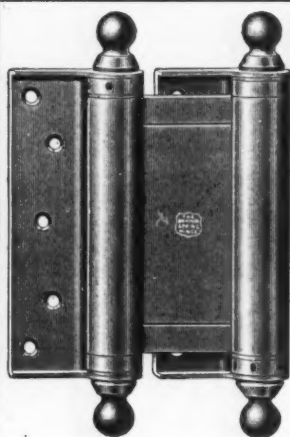
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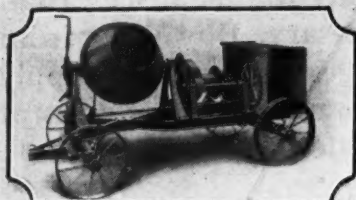
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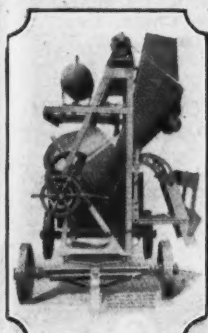
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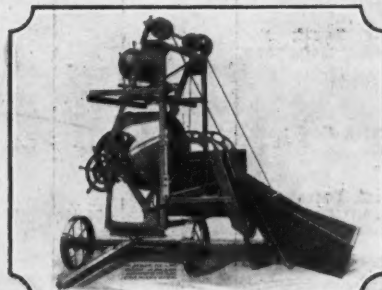
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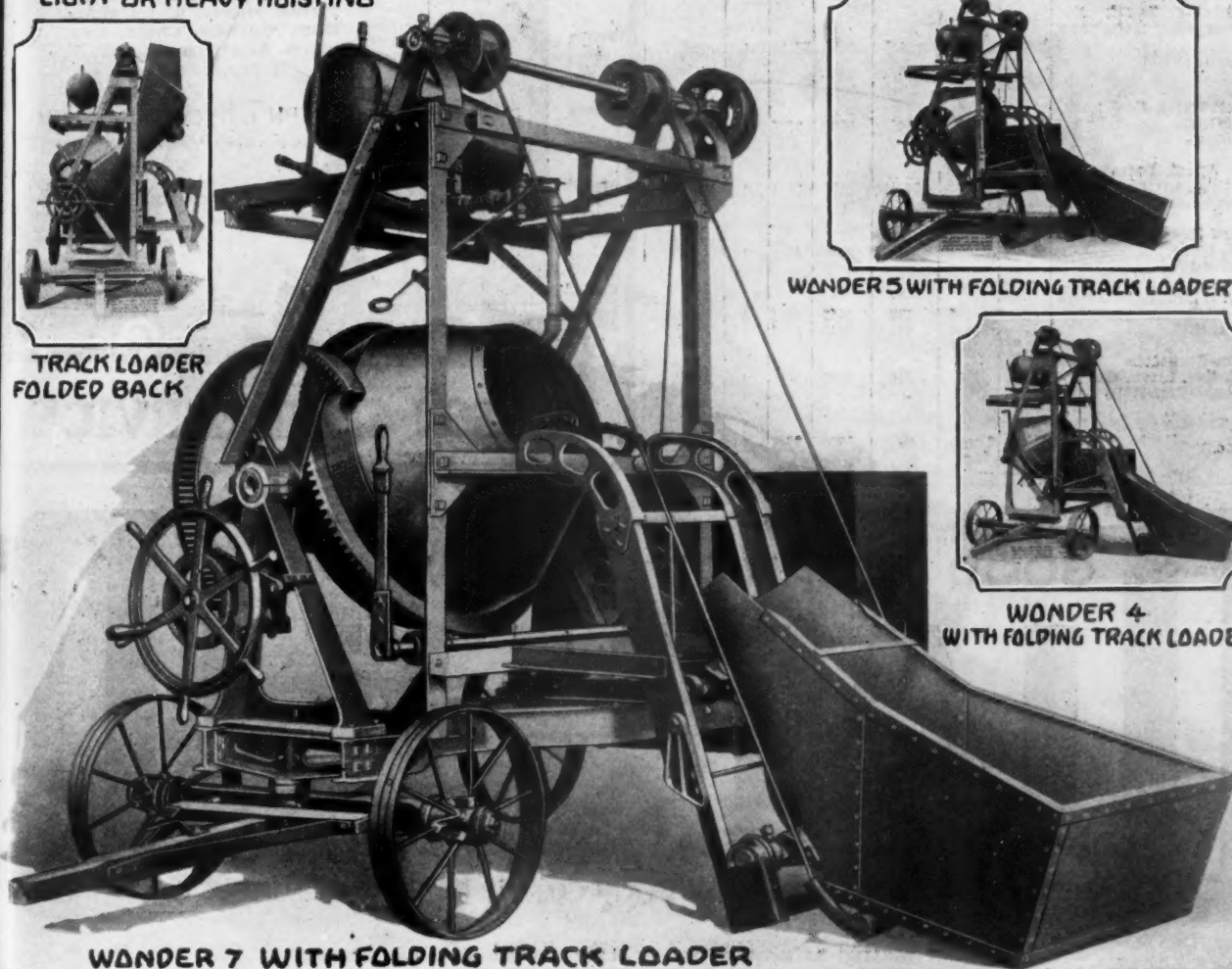
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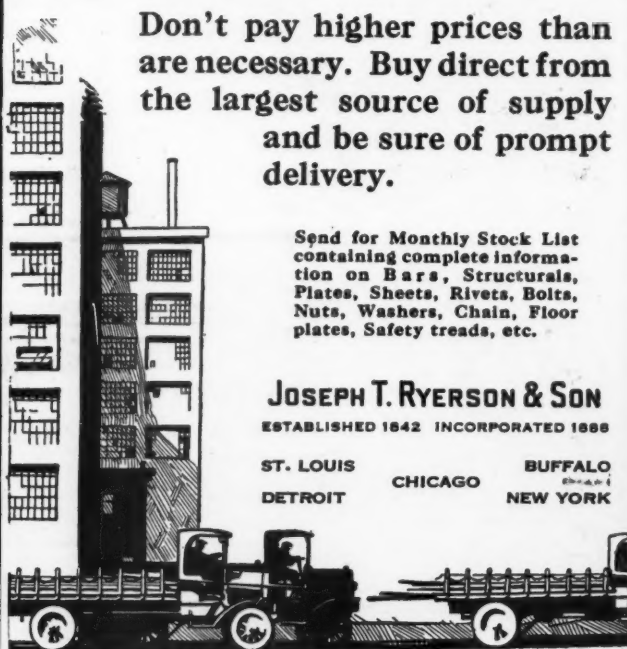
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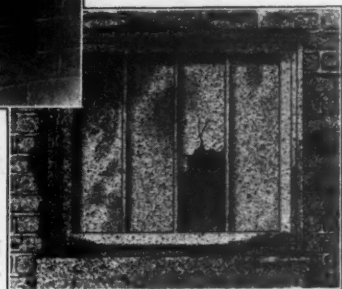
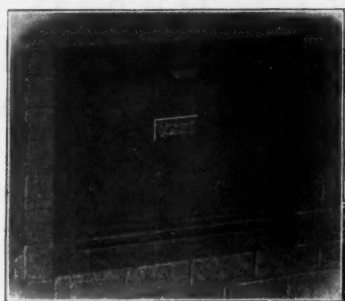
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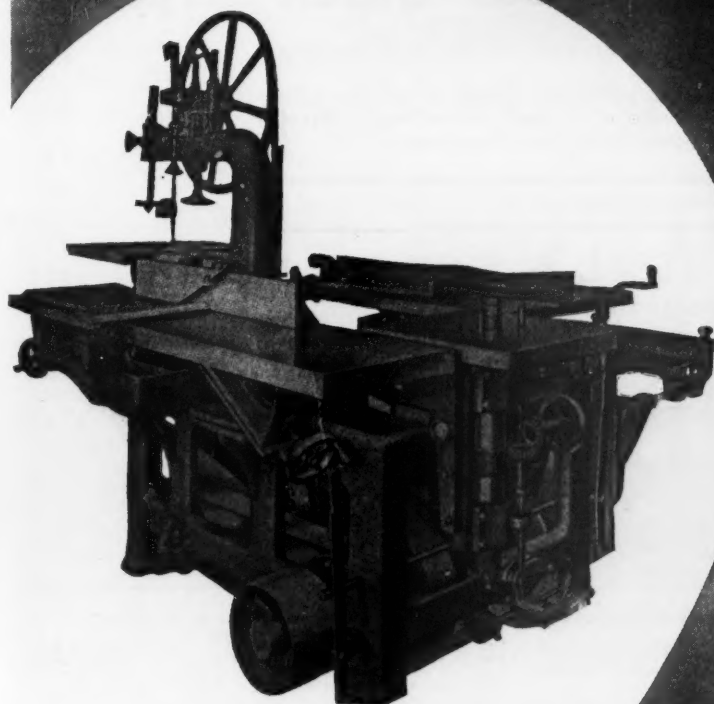
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	5450	2-3½		6300	32.4		
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	3500		160-185				
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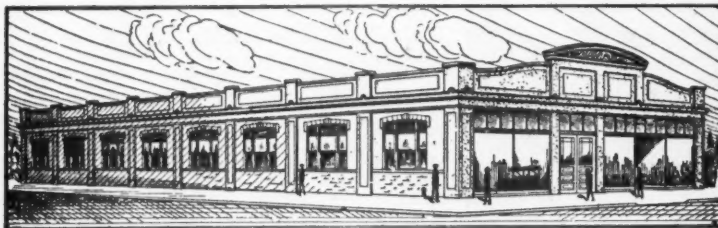
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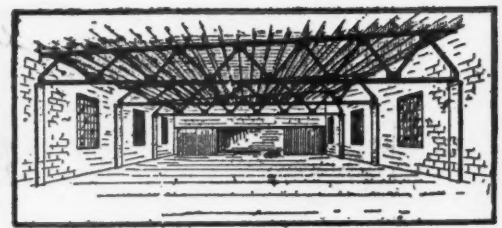
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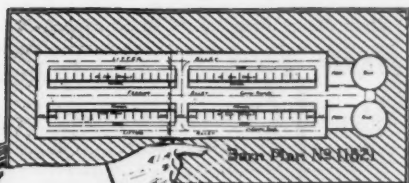


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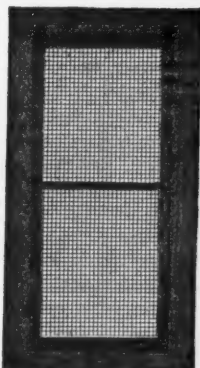
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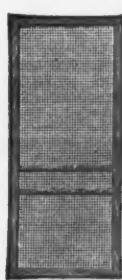
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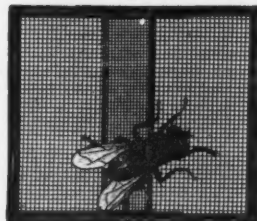
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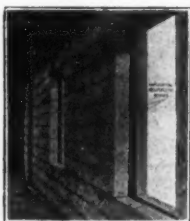
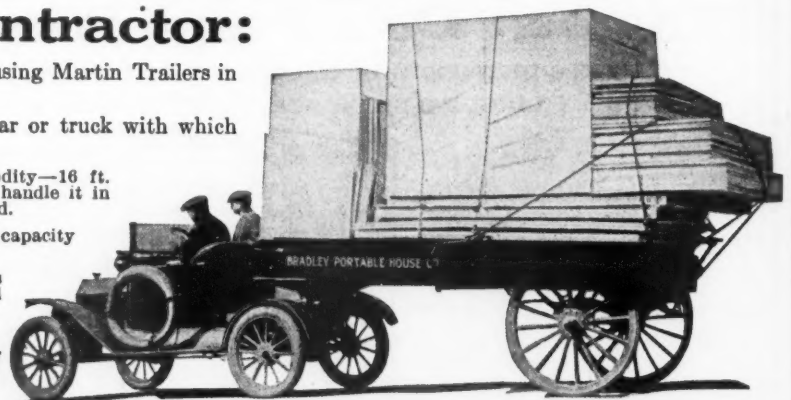
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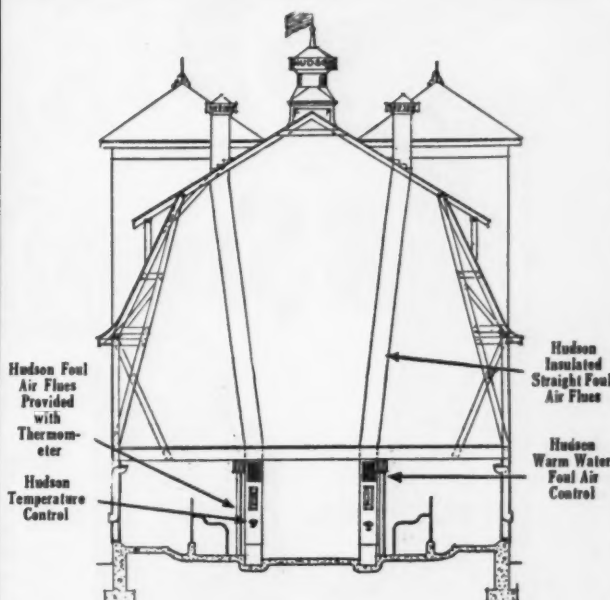
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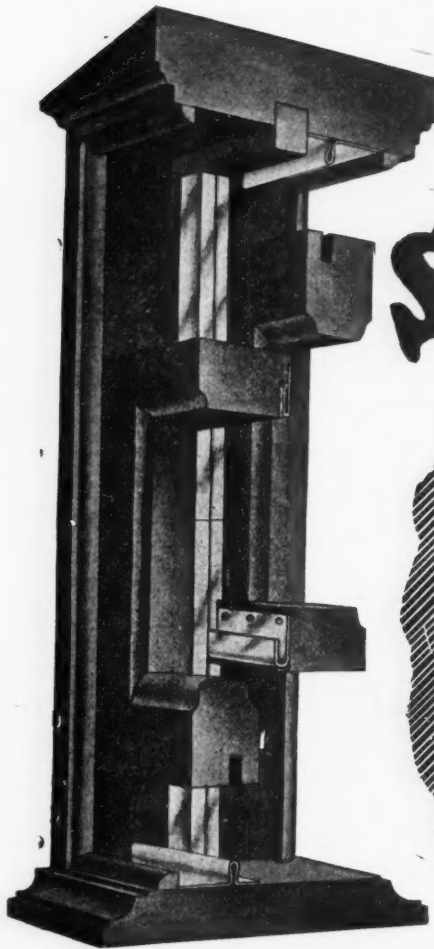
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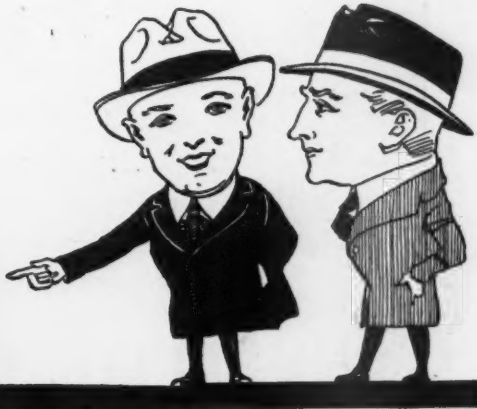
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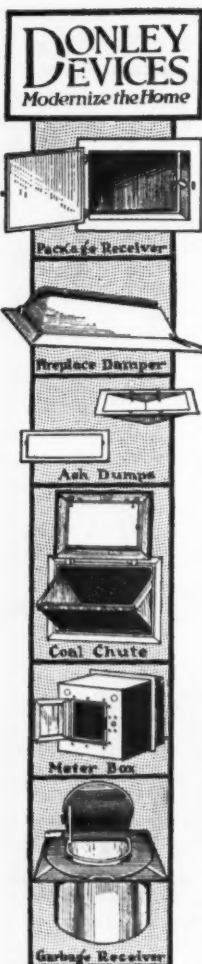
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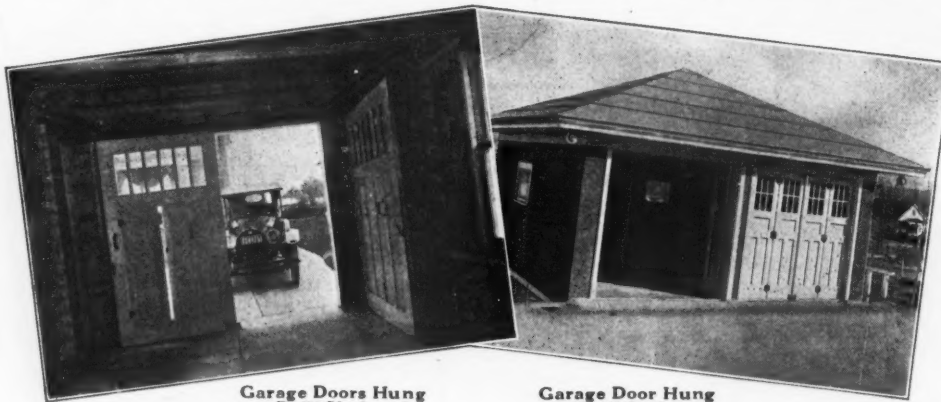
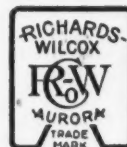
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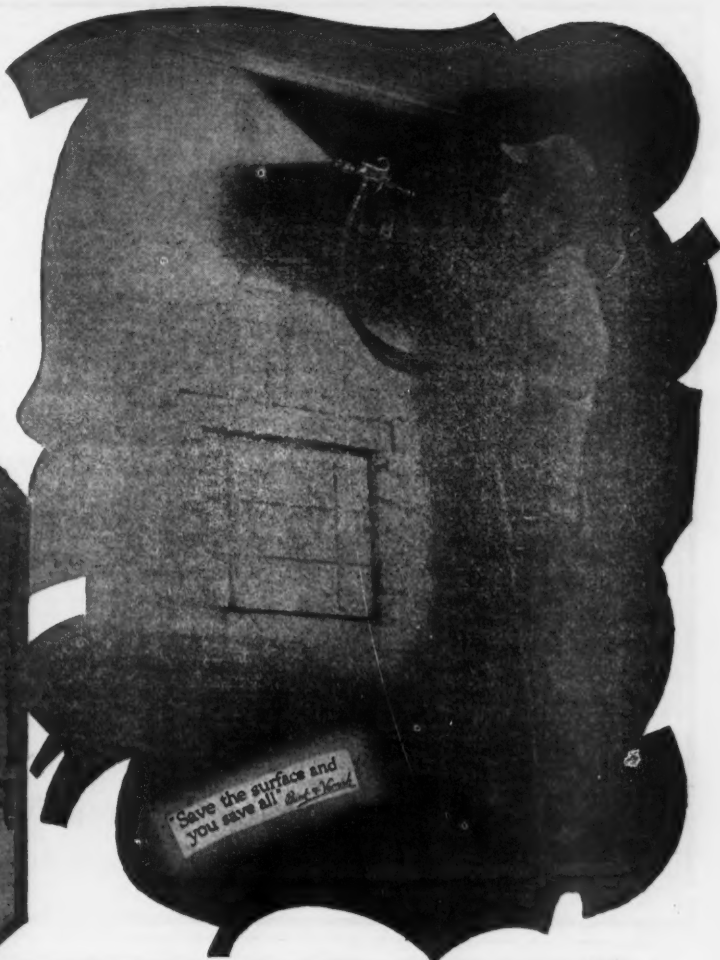
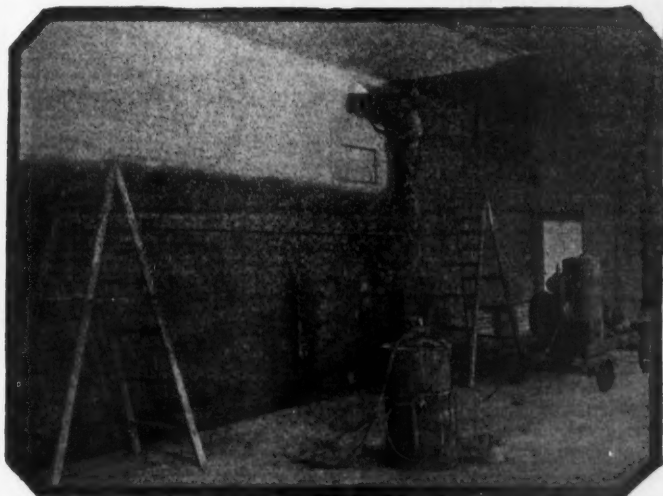
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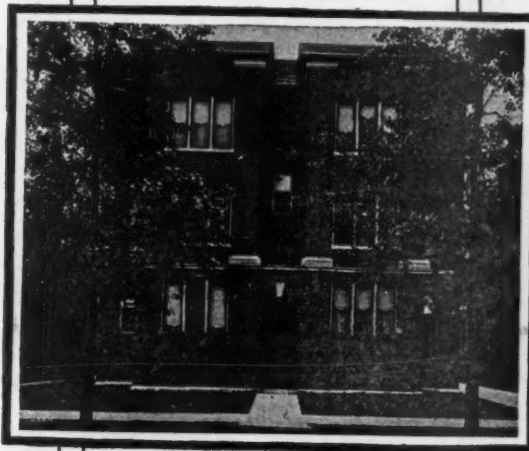
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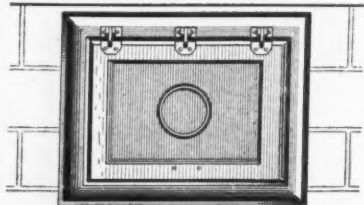
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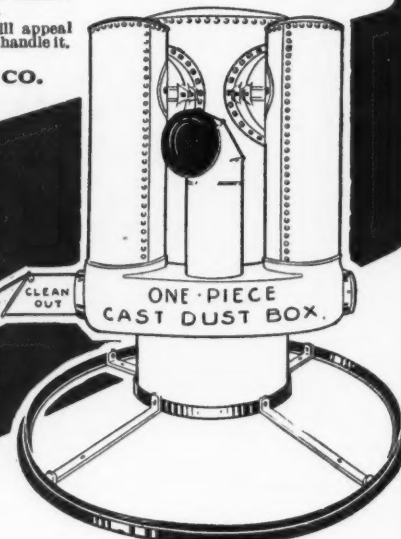
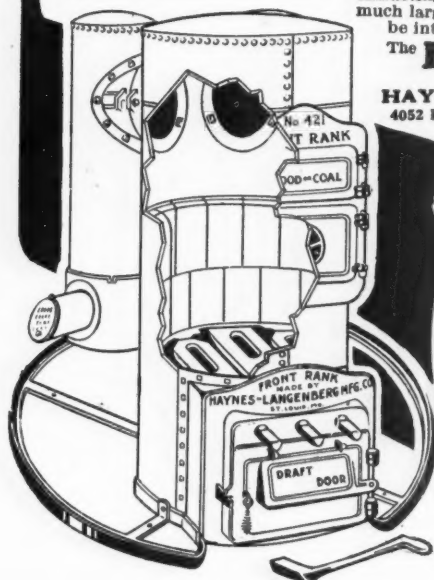
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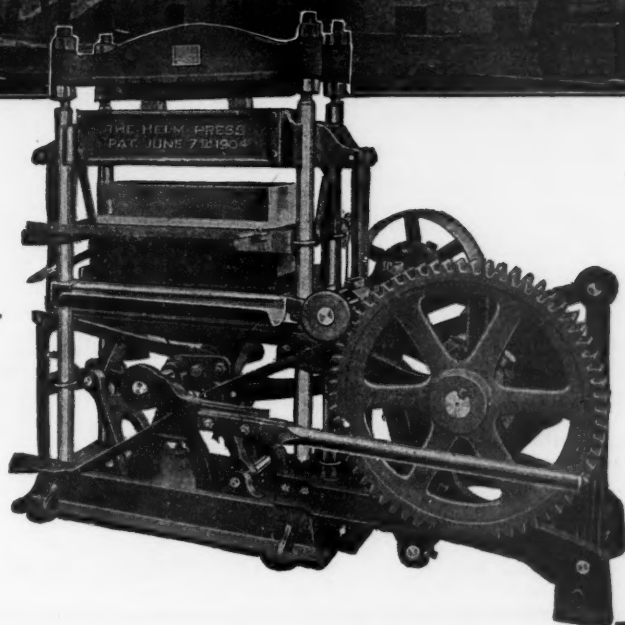
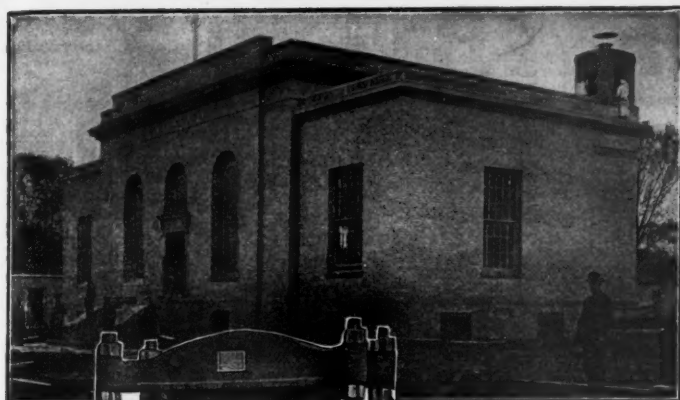
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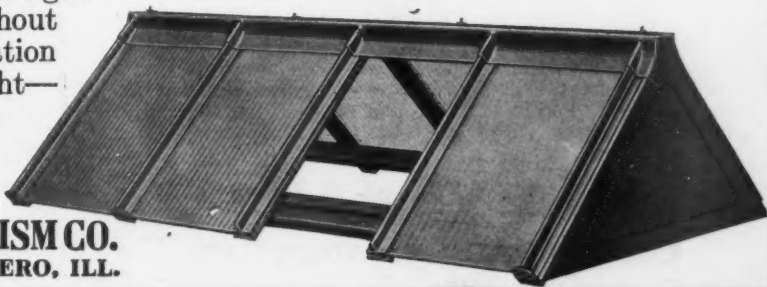
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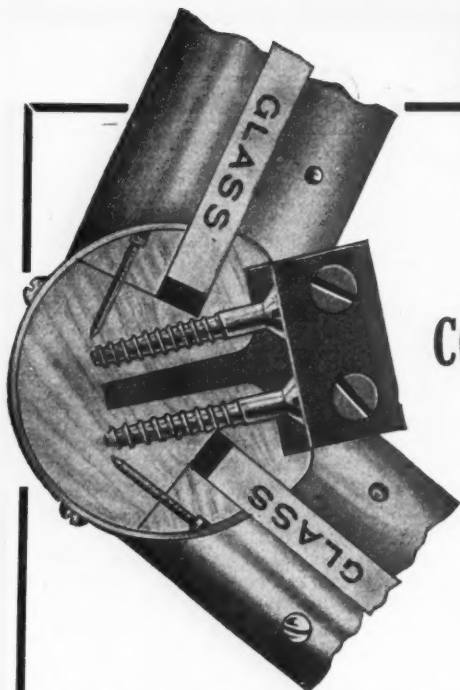
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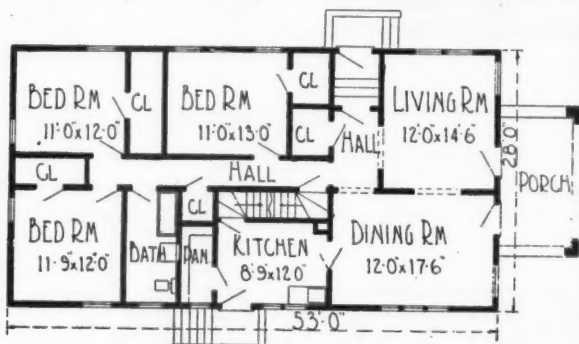
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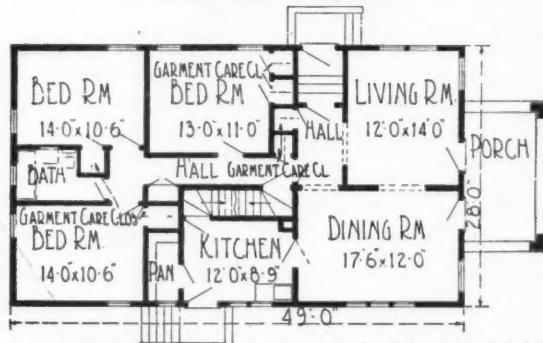
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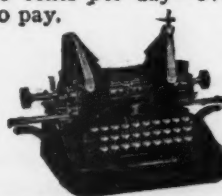
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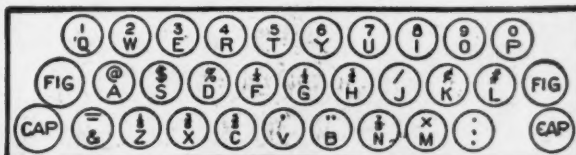
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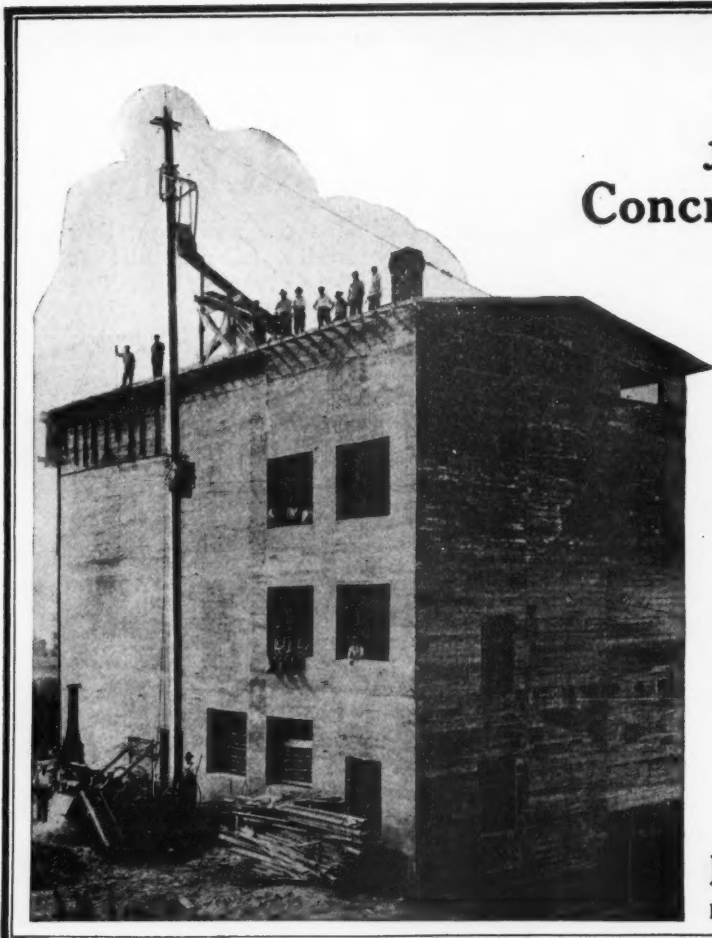
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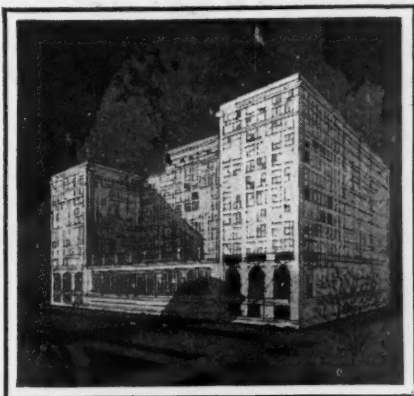
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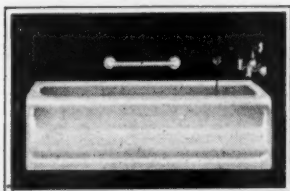
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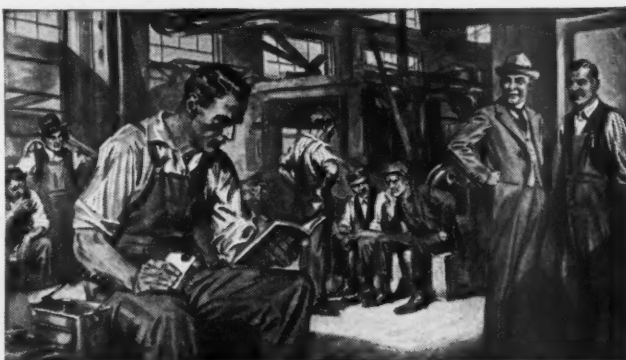
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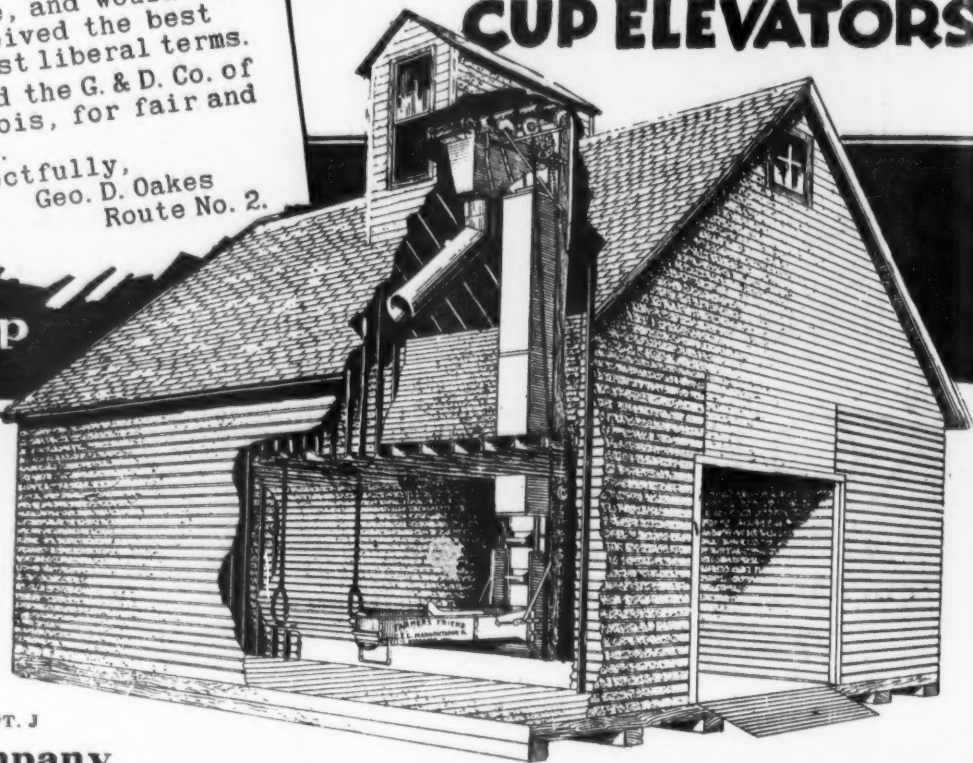
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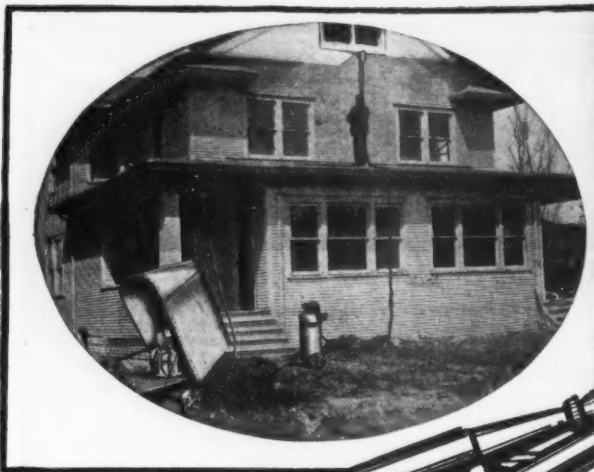
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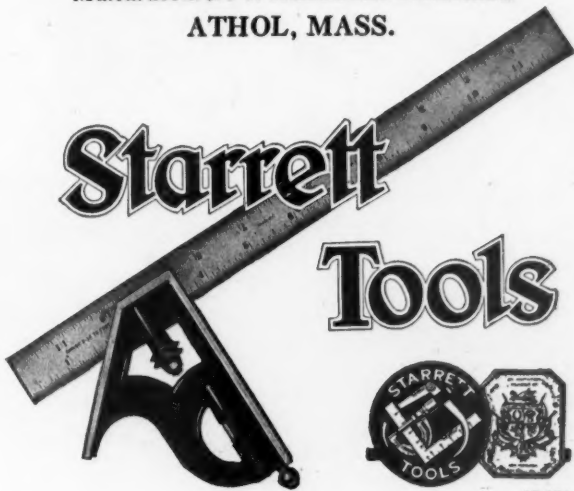
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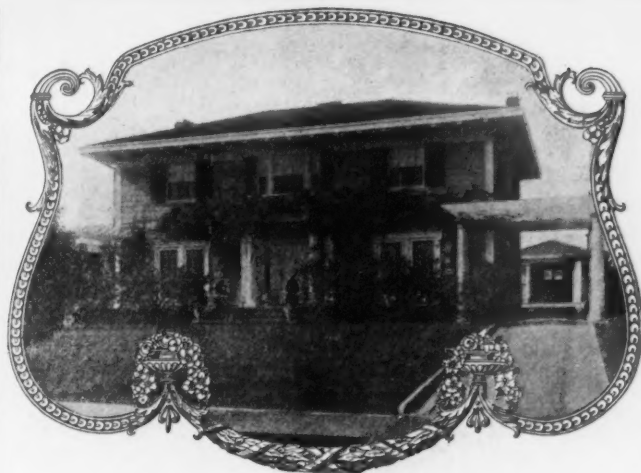
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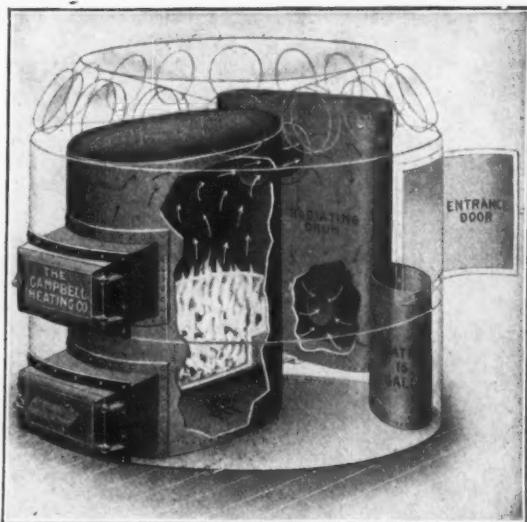
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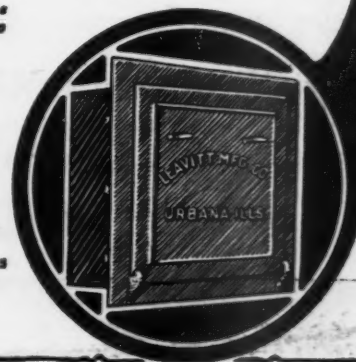
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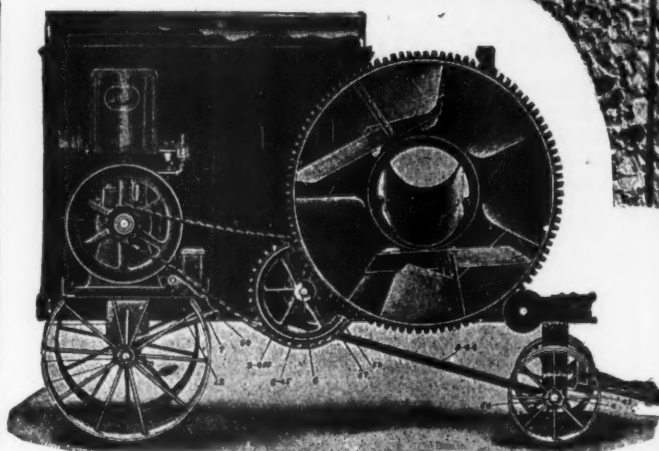
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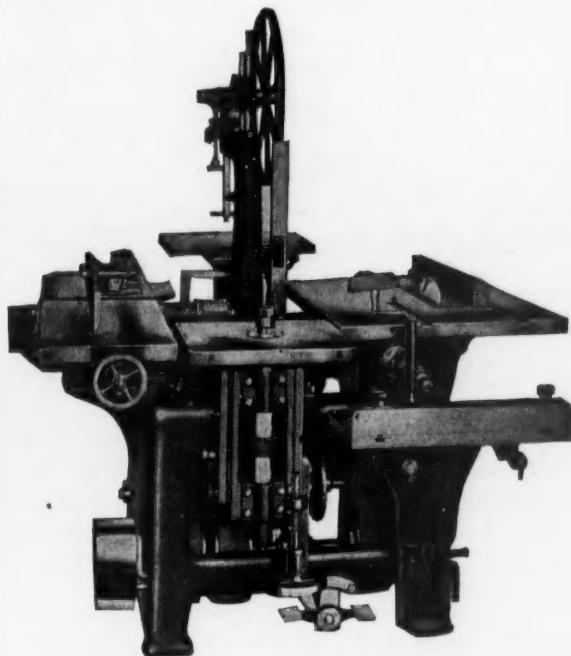
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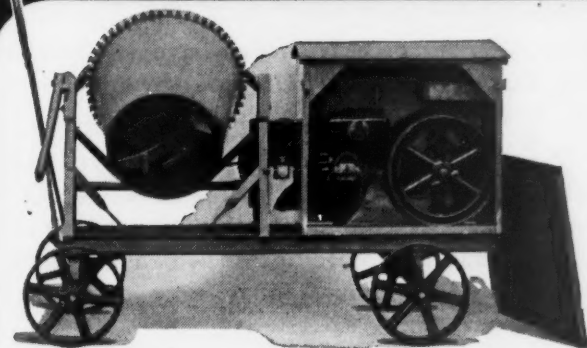
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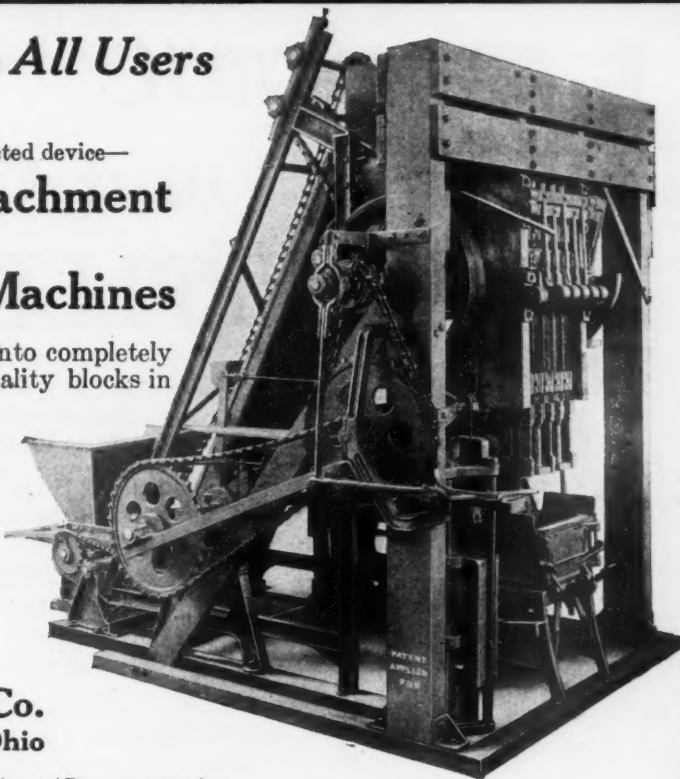
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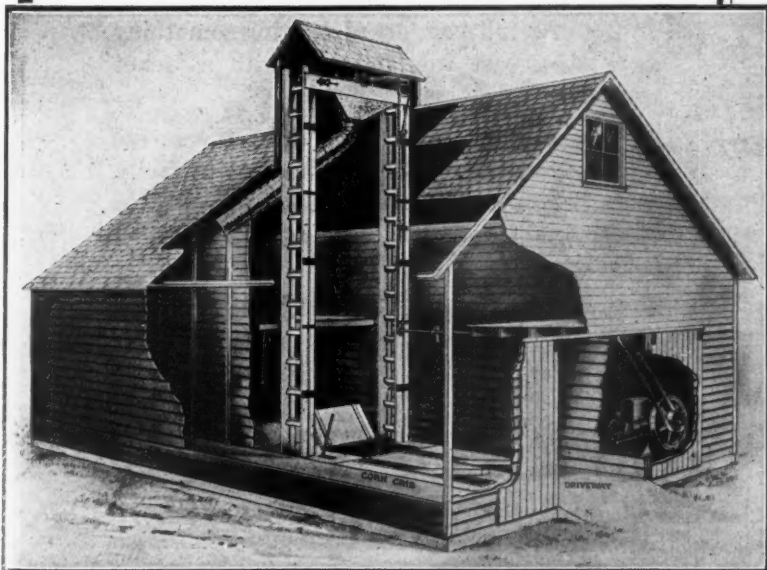
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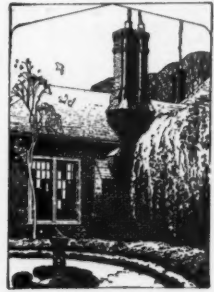
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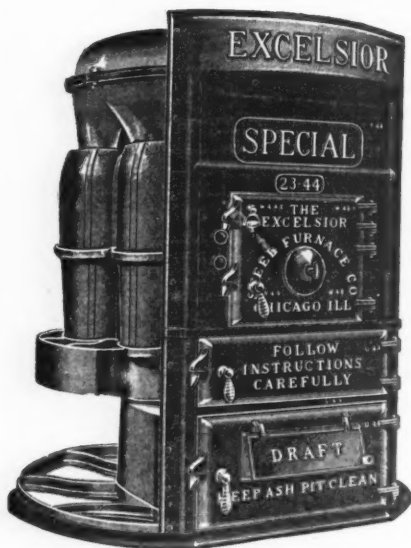
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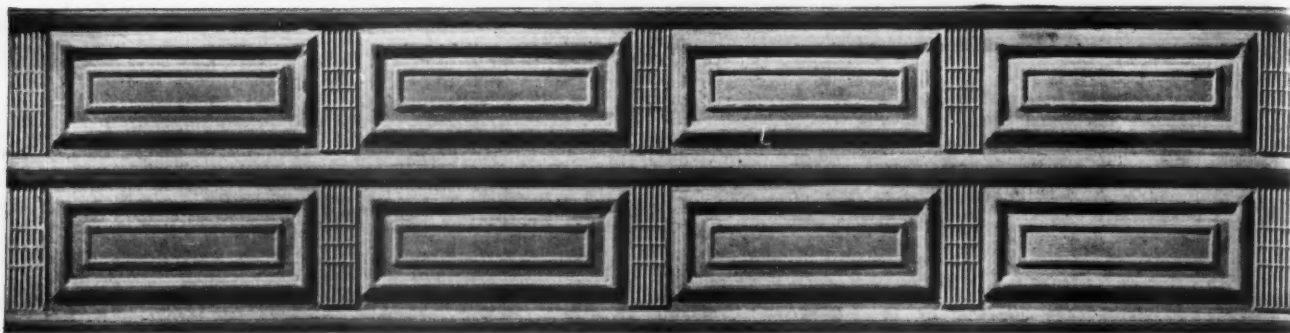
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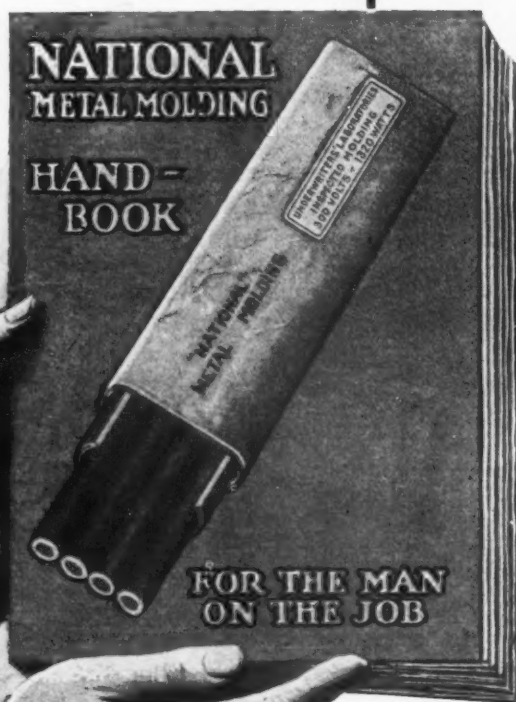
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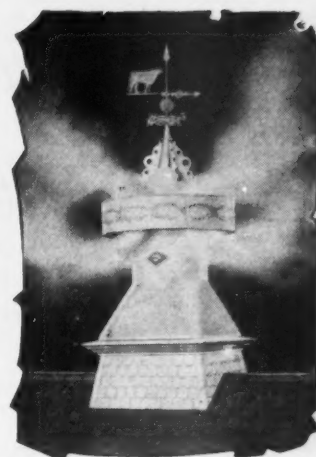
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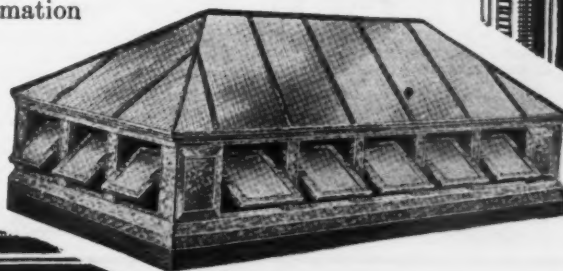
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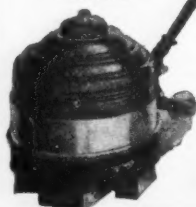
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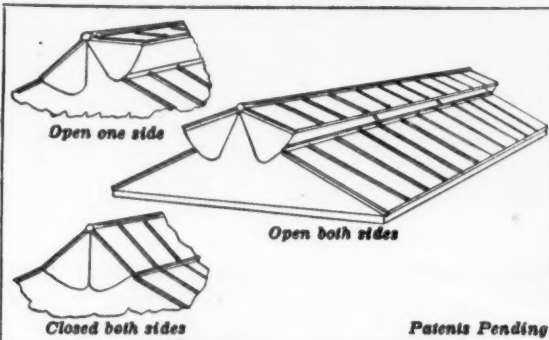
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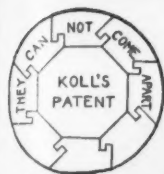
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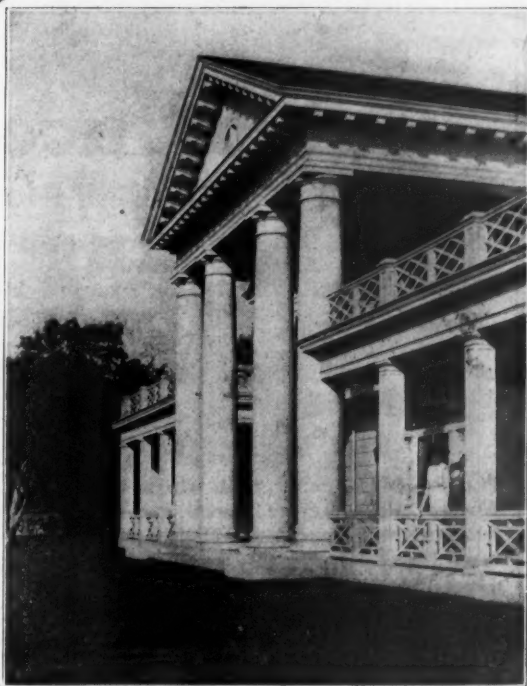
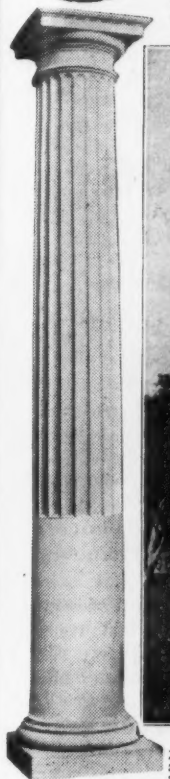
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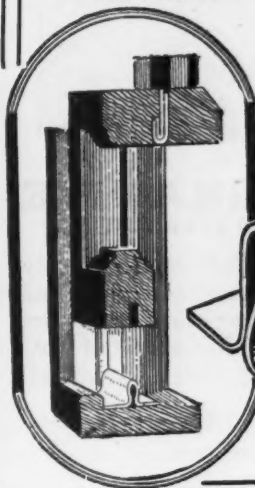
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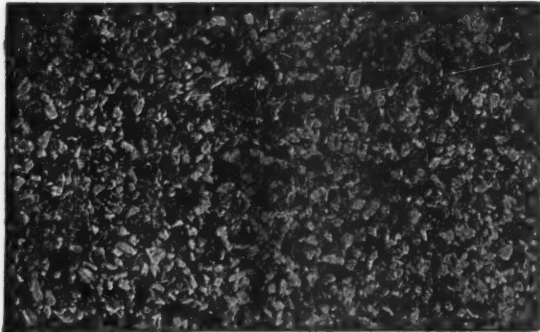
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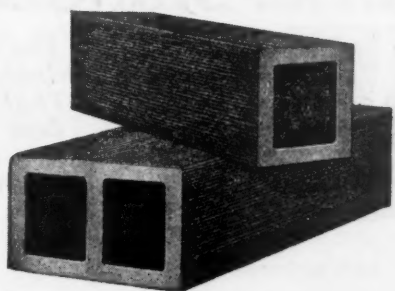
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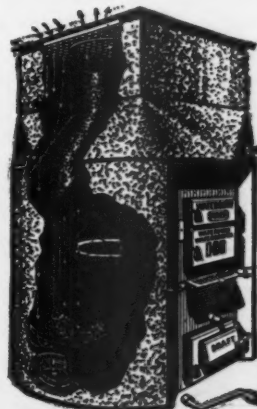
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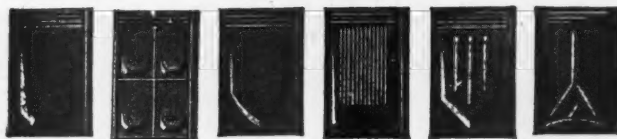
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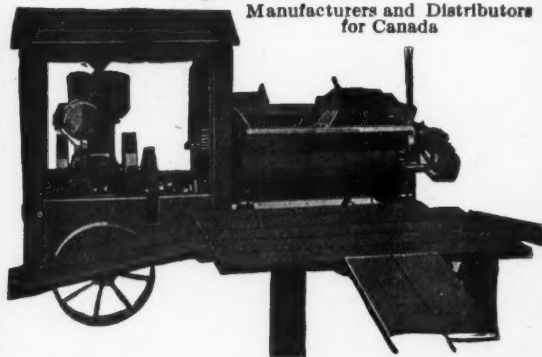
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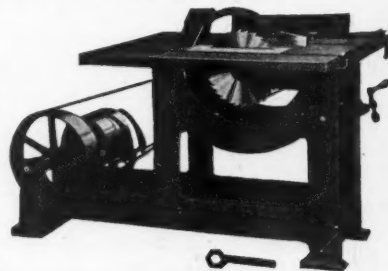
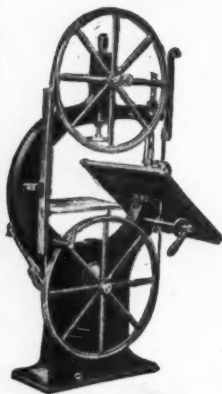
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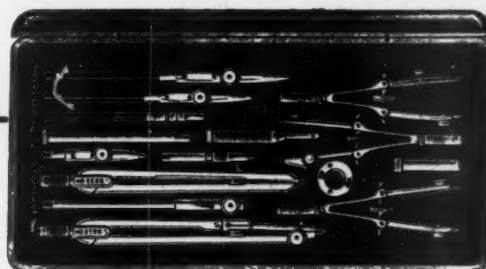
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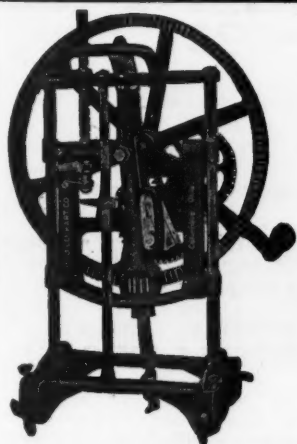
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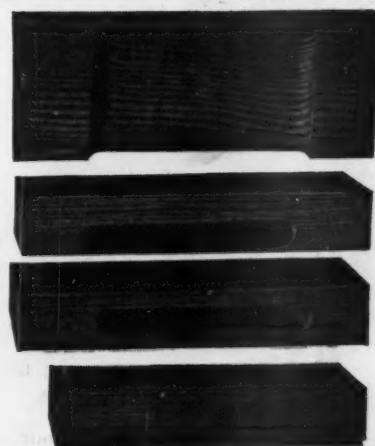
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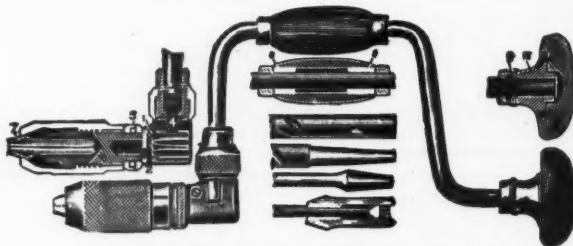
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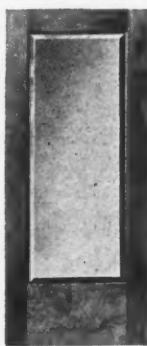


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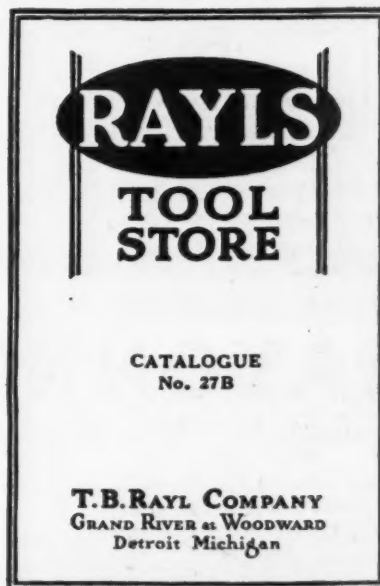


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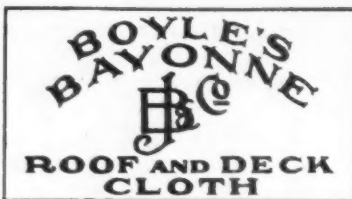
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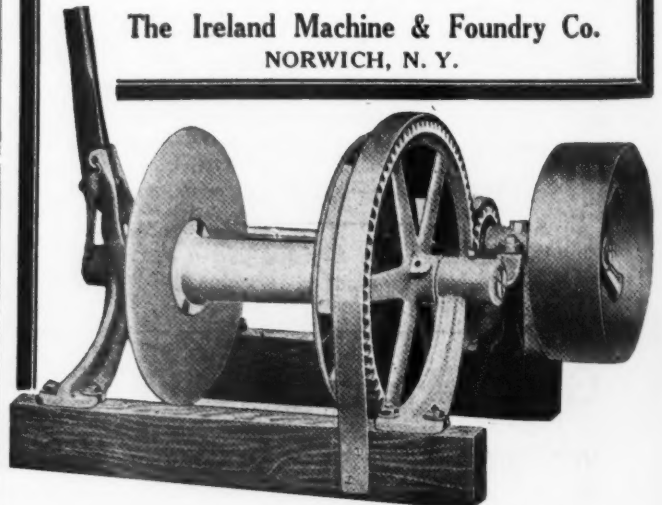
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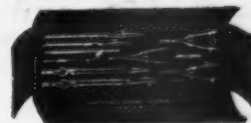
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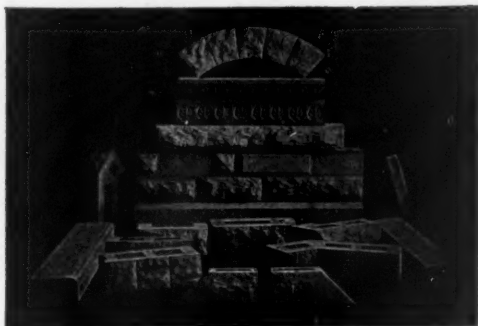
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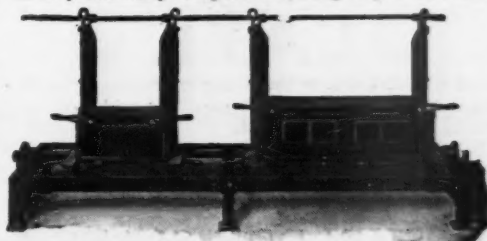
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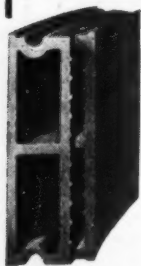


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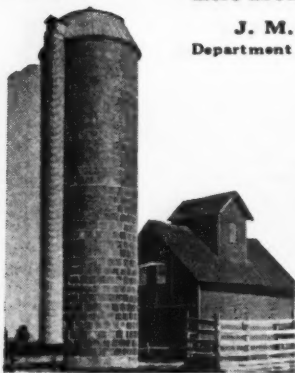


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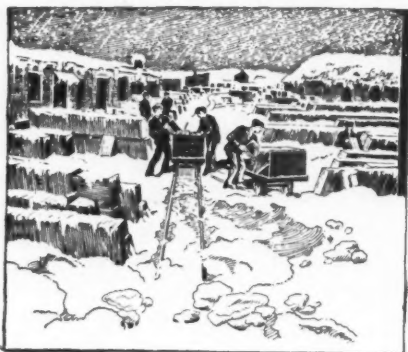
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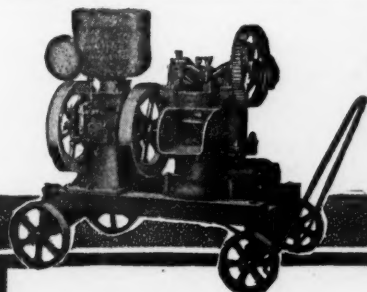
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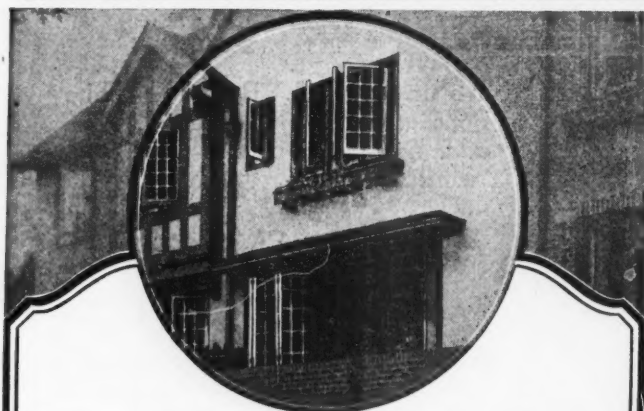
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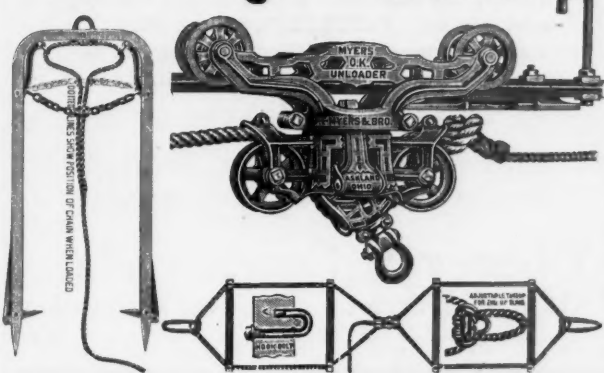
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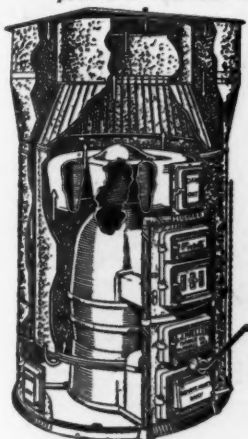
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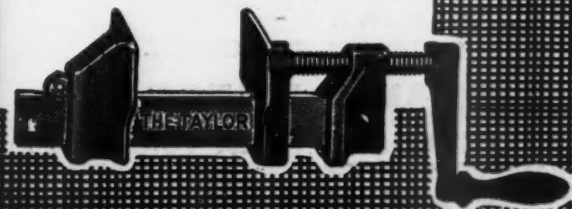
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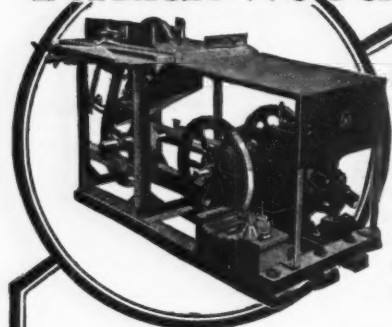
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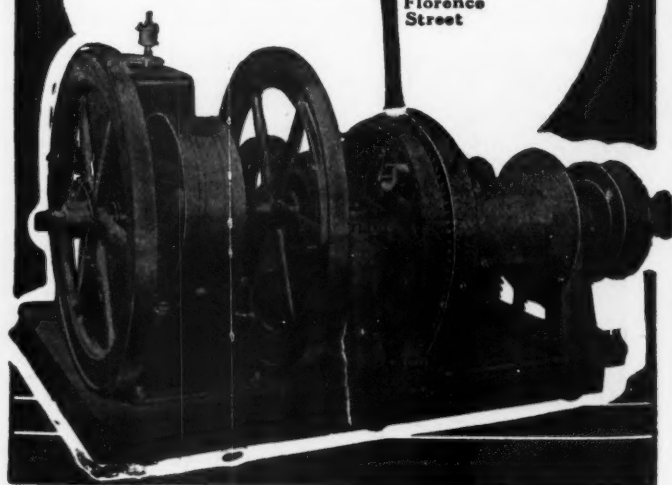
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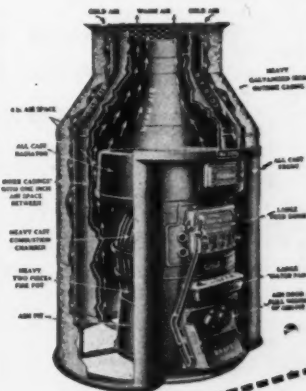
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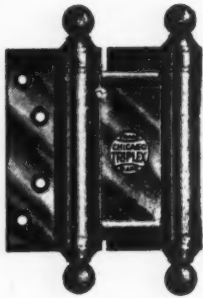


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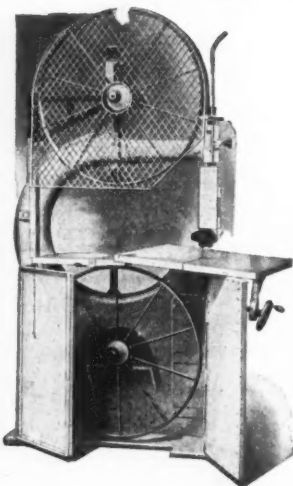
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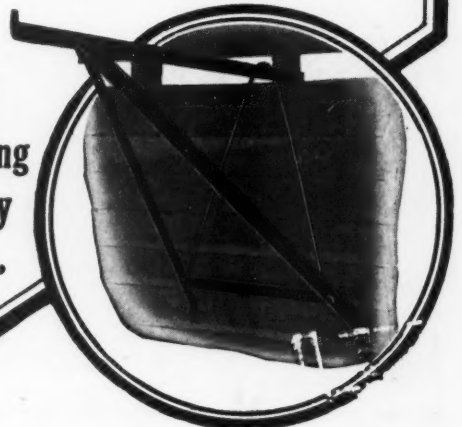
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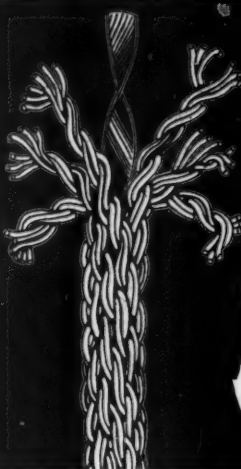
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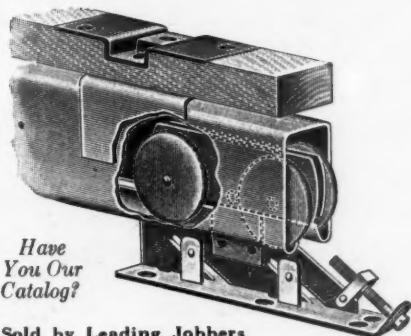
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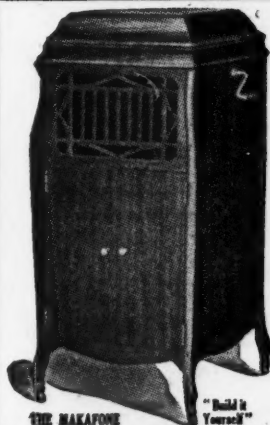
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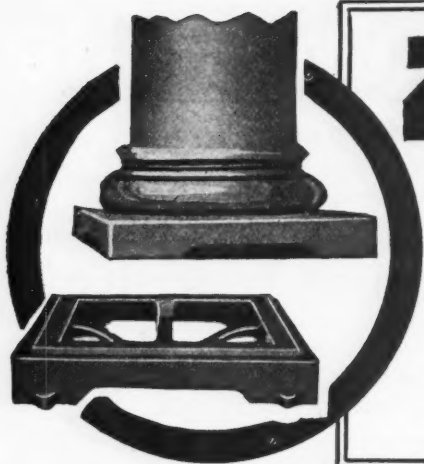
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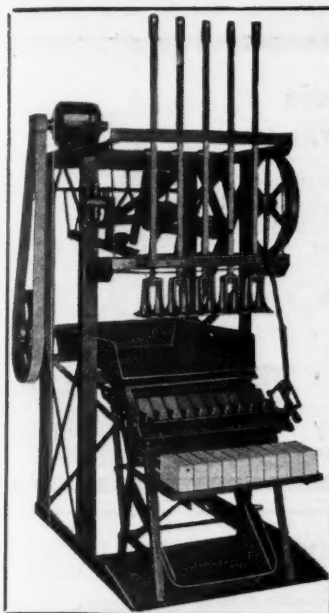


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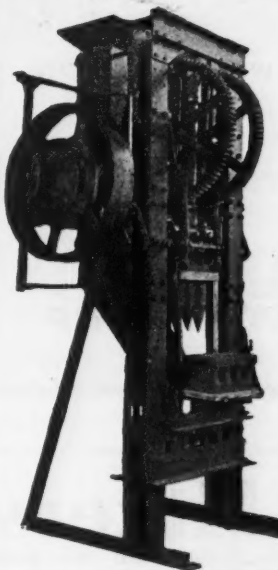
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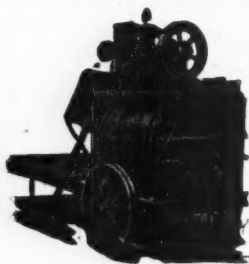
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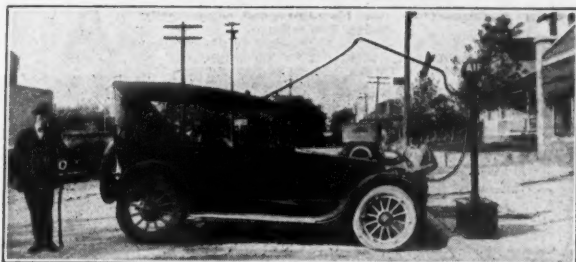
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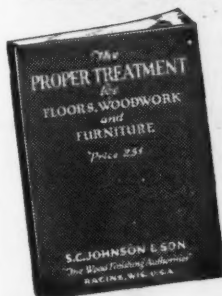
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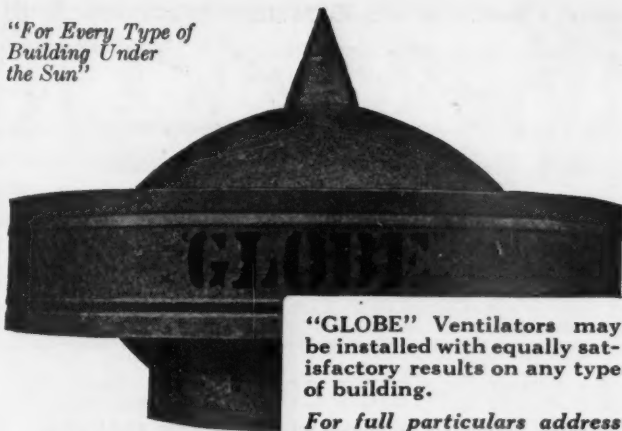
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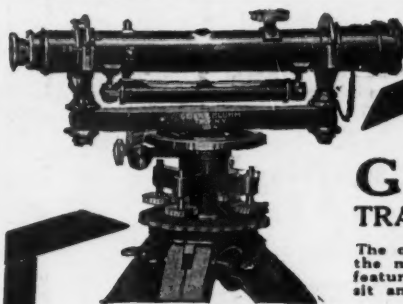
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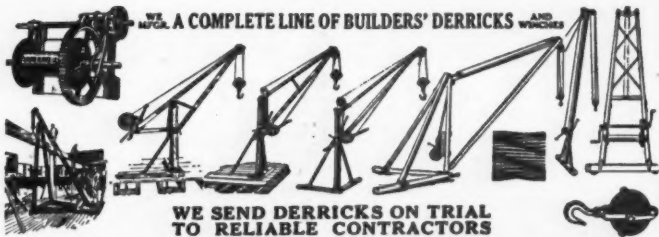


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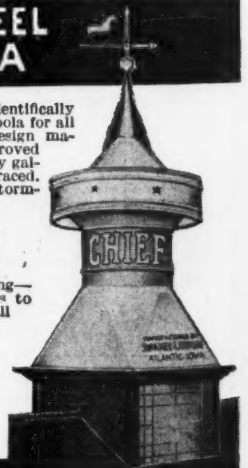
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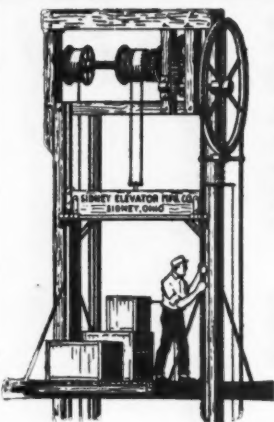
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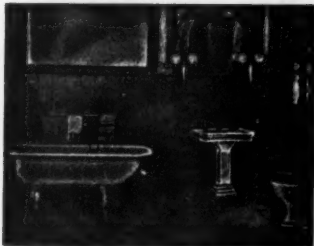
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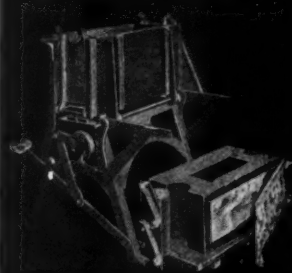
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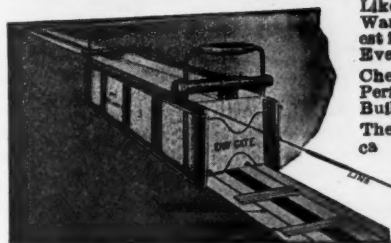
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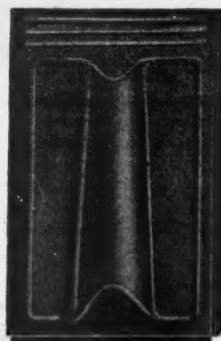
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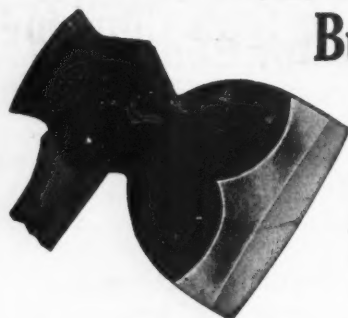
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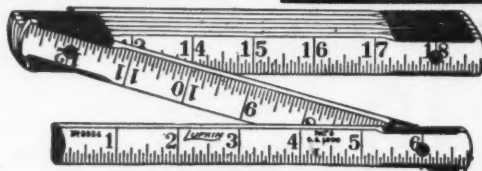
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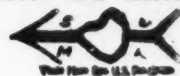
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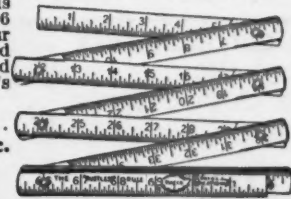
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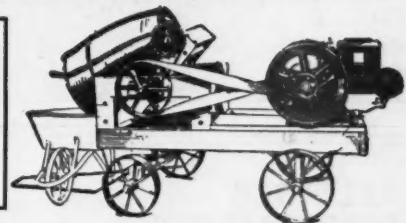
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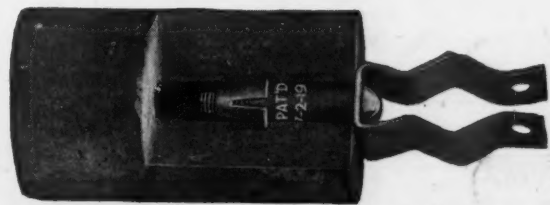
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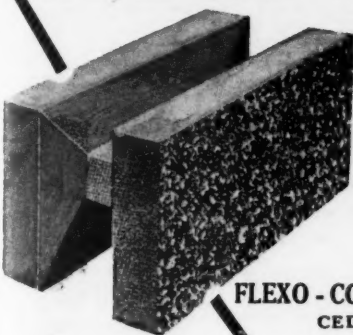
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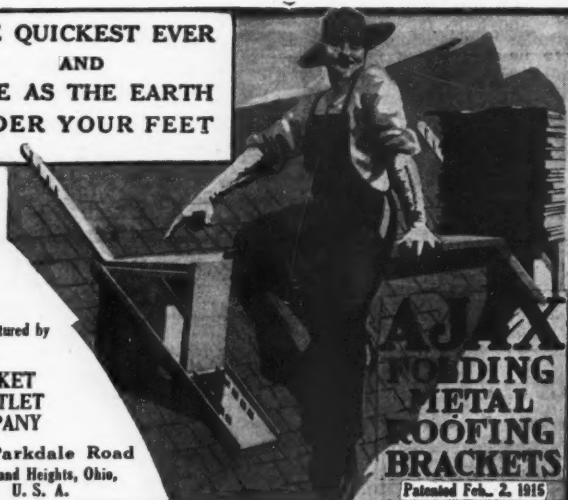
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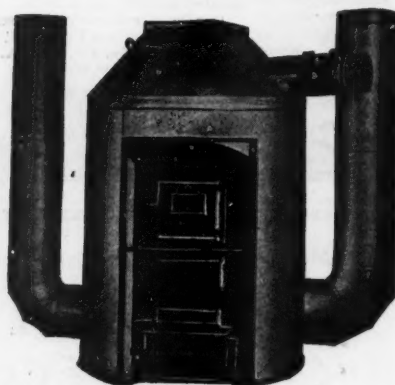
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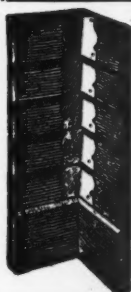
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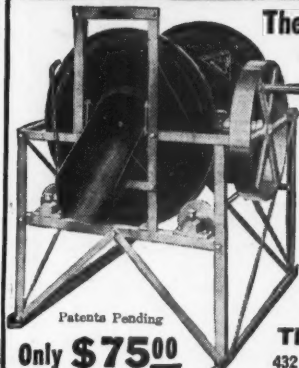
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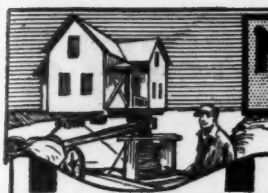
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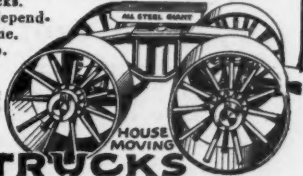
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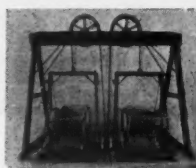
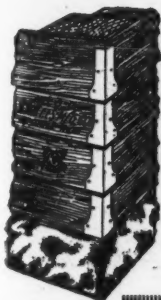
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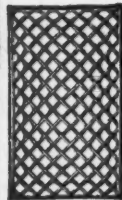


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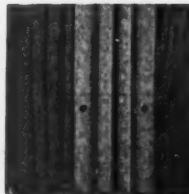


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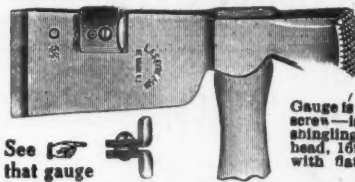
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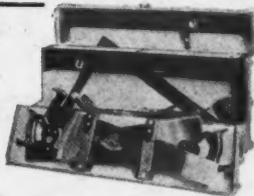
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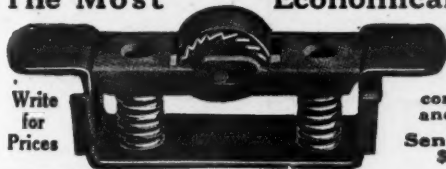
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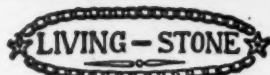
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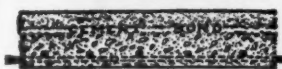
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You Will Need *Kno-Burn* METAL LATH

- To keep plaster from cracking
- To prevent streaks in walls and ceilings
- For fireproofing
- To make stucco more lasting
- For fire stopping
- To protect the five danger points
- For rat proofing.

Big architects, contractors, and "boss" plasterers, all say that the small diamond meshed **Kno-Burn** is the most economical, easily handled and most satisfactory lath made.

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